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Dear Potomac community,

In this issue of *The Term* we examine technology, its place in the classroom and in our students' lives. Most importantly, we consider its role in enriching the academic skills and strengths that we have always valued in a Potomac education, and in preparing our students for the connected, interdependent world beyond our school.

Technology serves us at Potomac in several important ways.

Thoughtful implementation can help students become better and more sophisticated communicators. Building on the foundation of Potomac's superior K-12 language arts program, our students use technology to master skills, access information, and share ideas. Through this process, they will develop even greater skills as cogent and persuasive writers and speakers. Technology encourages students to expand the way they think and write as they post comments about an assignment on CampusNET or present a project to their classmates. Using graphics and multi-media components, students enrich their channels of communication and creative perspective.

Another traditional strength at Potomac – collaboration – is enhanced through technology, enabling our students to share their particular talents in new and different ways. Whether it is gathering scientific data, posting a music, video, or written component to a comprehensive class folder, or commenting on a literary quotation, technology can serve as a vehicle for synthesizing the abstract and the concrete, the intellectual and the experiential, the known and the hypothetical.

Drawing from a seemingly unlimited access to information to a multitude of applications, teachers and students are empowered to introduce more complex ideas. Students who have "played" with Sim City, or other software programs, recognize the value of multidisciplinary examination and problem solving, both characteristics of generative and creative thinking. Potomac has always encouraged students to think outside the box. Technology partners with teachers and students to eliminate the box completely.

From pre-history to the present, technology has been integral to human enterprise, creativity, and imagination. In fact, technology exemplifies education in its purest form, as understanding deepens and connectivity widens. John Dewey observed that "every great advance in science has issued from a new audacity of imagination." From its founding more than 100 years ago, audacity of imagination has been the hallmark of a Potomac education. Genius, Emerson tells us, looks forward. As we have seen the intellectual and cultural fruits of this principle, so too, we look forward in technology with equal excitement.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoffrey Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Geoffrey A. Jones

Head of School



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Ultimately, we want our students to graduate with the ability to embrace each new wave of technological innovation.

# TECHNOLOGY AT POTOMAC

## TRANSFORMING SOCIETY AND SCHOOL

Walk the halls of Potomac and you are apt to see students graphing dynamic time and distance calculations on a whiteboard, practicing oral Spanish exercises on their tablet laptops, or watching streaming video in history class. Technology has brought a new dimension to education at Potomac.

At the same time, teachers and administrators are considering thoughtfully some tough questions. Are teachers using technology effectively? Are students using technology in the “right” ways? What strategies, programs, and technologies are positively affecting academic achievement? Where are we headed?

Research on technology’s effect on learning is limited, and the immensity and pace of technology’s evolution make it difficult to set benchmarks. However, studies show that technology provides remarkable opportunities to engage students in an active learning environment. From empowering students to organize, analyze, and present information in new ways, to facilitating experimentation and problem-solving, technology opens doors for students of diverse talents and learning styles. Technology’s power extends exponentially the access to information and opportunities for exploration that we are just beginning to tap. The impact on society has been nothing short of transformational, and that impact is felt throughout the education system. The challenge for schools is to show students how to access the vast universe of information, think critically about it, and to function effectively in the world awaiting them.



Lab results in Middle School science are automatically read, registered, and graphed, allowing students to concentrate on drawing conclusions.

“Technology at Potomac is really a continuation of what we have always done here—collaborate. We are preparing kids to think critically, to problem solve, to synthesize information, and to understand themselves and others. Technology assists us with these goals.”

Brendan Sheerin, Head, Intermediate School

## CRAFTING TECHNOLOGY TO BOOST LEARNING

At Potomac, we help our teachers use technology creatively to enhance learning and emphasize critical thinking and problem solving skills. Technology is no longer seen as separate from the curriculum, but as an integral tool that connects and builds the learning laboratory. “We look at what’s relevant, where technology fits in the context of the curriculum, and how we’re preparing our students for their future,” according to Raymond Stewart, Academic Technology Coordinator.

Spearheading our efforts to integrate technology into the curriculum, Stewart works individually with teachers to help them identify and use the tools that suit their subject material and individual teaching styles. Stewart heads up a school-wide academic technology team of five people. Each works both within a division and as part of a K–12 team to think through the total technology skills and curriculum we want our students to master. This is a process that looks at the specific objectives of each division, while finding the links in content areas across divisions, departments, and other areas of academic support.

## POTOMAC’S TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE ACCLAIMED BY TEACHERS

Academic Technology Coordinator Raymond Stewart and his Tech Team provide a week-long Summer Technology Institute, as well as specific ongoing skill training (such as Excel or video editing) throughout the year. The summer course covers the use of projectors, document cameras, digital video cameras, SMART Board technologies, online classroom resources, and most importantly, the potential applications of these tools to enhance our K-12 curriculum and learning. Training faculty on campus in our own program has the added advantage of personalized instruction and follow-up.

“The Summer Tech Institute introduced me to digital video production, a fantastic tool for developing quality research skills and effective public speaking. My students edited the video of our service and cultural learning trip to Kenya, complete with voice-overs, subtitles, and a musical soundtrack. In class I video student presentations, which students use with a common rubric to assess their performance and develop strategies for improving their presentations.”

Ken Okoth, US History Teacher

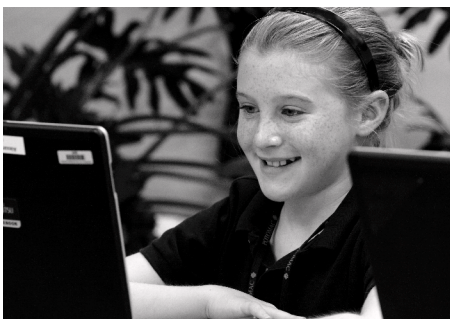




Potomac's teachers take advantage of technology that fits their subject matter and teaching styles.

## CHANGING THE WAY WE TEACH FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Potomac's foreign language program incorporates several technology aids in its curriculum, from laptop projectors to digital recorders—both audio and video—to tablet PCs currently being used in the Intermediate School. Daniel Shannon, chair of the Upper School foreign language department, says there is a real qualitative change in the way we teach with technology that can link students in the classroom to “live” primary sources throughout the world. Language classes can access real time newspaper articles, video clips, and other materials from Spain or France, or virtually anywhere.



When school opened in the fall, each Intermediate School student was issued a tablet computer, making it possible for teachers to use technology in new and innovative ways.

“This is a real change in that we didn't have broad access to these sources before. The relevance is much more immediate and has a deeper impact. Last week we looked at news stories and heard audio clips of the sinking of a boat off the coast of Spain. It was a great example for the kids of a real situation with native speakers communicating the news.”

Daniel Shannon, Chair, US Foreign Language Department and US Spanish Teacher

In the Intermediate School, French teacher Murutamanga Kabahita has downloaded his entire language program on the new tablet laptops, in essence providing each student with his or her own mobile language lab. The audio component works like a tape recorder, but with immense capabilities. Students can listen, stop, go back, and review. Where in the past there seemed never to be enough class time for students to practice their oral skills, now students can use the School's email system to record assignments and send audio files back to Kabahita for review.

“I'm passionate about the tablet technology. I get through so much more material and my students learn so much better. And, I've only scratched the surface of the possibilities.”

Murutamanga Kabahita, IS French Teacher

## MIMIO ANIMATES MATH

All classrooms in the new Upper School are equipped with ceiling-mounted projectors

for easy display of documents, Web sites, and video. Math Chair Steve Miller has taken the use of technology one step further in his use of Mimio—a device that turns any whiteboard into an interactive device, allowing a teacher to control his computer applications while standing at the board, rather than at his desktop keyboard. Mimio enables Miller to make annotations on a graph, a Web site or document, and capture this information for publication on his Web site. Remember all those “word” problems? Now students can “see” the changes in rate, distance, and time in animated illustrations.

Miller's students are able to tackle problems that are more visually complicated. For some students the tool is just the right visual aid that makes the difference in understanding the problem. “It also saves time and the kids like it.”

“All those things I used to try to illustrate with static drawings I can animate with the mimio. For example, I can grab a line on a graph and move it around to change the slope. As I do, the data adjust. I used to have a poster of a calculator, now I have a program that is the calculator.”

Steve Miller, Chair, US Math Department



Using Mimeo, Ms. Stein's whiteboard becomes a functioning calculator. She can punch in numbers and her math class sees her manipulation and the results displayed in larger than life size.





Technology allows students to work together in new and interesting ways. Middle School students wrote and filmed political ads and public service announcements.



## STUDENTS VIE TO TAKE THE FLOOR IN CP5 NEWS

In Cathleen Parks' fifth grade classroom, students find the new Mimio technology particularly engaging and, Parks marvels, it has improved their writing and presentation skills. Parks says her students can't wait to stand in front of the class. "This new technology provides great excitement for the students; and the benefits on the teaching side are immense." Each week the students write news stories, make audio recordings, and upload their materials to our password-protected Intranet, CampusNET, for the class "CP5 News."

The students also have enjoyed taking digital cameras outside to record the human and physical characteristics of the campus, using photography as another means of observation. Combining technology with sensory and tactile learning improves comprehension, while providing skills that kids are eager to practice outside the classroom.

"It helps me to see what stands out for the kids when they write their class news of the week and their particular perspective on a lesson I've taught. They have ownership and I see results in improved reading, writing, and speaking skills."

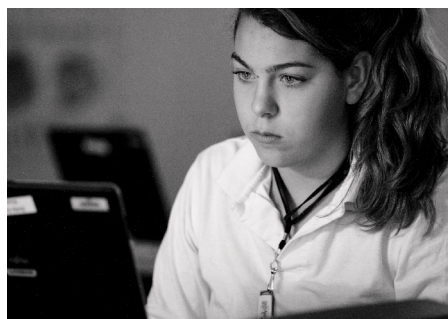
Cathleen Parks, MS Teacher

## TECHNOLOGY ACTS AS A "CHANGE-UP"

"It's so much easier for my students to work collaboratively on a project with the kind of access and organizational tools that technology provides," says Upper School English teacher

Dawn Jefferson. Her senior elective on the Harlem Renaissance includes a weekly "salon" project in which each student works on an assigned task in a specific medium from art to music to an historical text. Students then post the various elements into a common folder. The assigned "publisher" edits the collection into a final presentation and a newsletter. The folder becomes a document of the conversation that has taken place.

However, technology will not always be the tool of choice. For example with Dawn's ninth grade students she found that digital editing was not as effective as the old-fashioned red pen on paper. "My students were not as careful using the 'track changes' function. They need



Each Potomac student signs an "acceptable use" agreement governing their use of the Internet both in school and at home.

the tactile experience of deleting something. Technology is urgent; paper allows for time and thoughtfulness. The act of reading and editing on the paper helps them become reflective."

Perhaps the biggest challenge she sees is the difficulty in managing and understanding content. "We need to teach students the skills of choosing a book or a source among the thousands available."

"The challenge is not to let technology distract the students and to keep the goal clear—technology is only a tool. But it's mesmerizing and that's both good and bad. Even

something simple like a few words on a screen can be very effective in getting my students' attention. Technology acts as a change-up, a differentiated way of learning."

Dawn Jefferson, US English Teacher

## FROM TOY TO LEARNING TOOL

Lower School academic technology coordinator Yasmin Eisenhauer works closely with LS teachers to integrate technology more thoroughly into the curriculum. Beginning with the kindergarten program, students learn the basics as they make the transition from computer as toy to learning tool. They create original work, including alphabet and word books.

By first grade, the computer lab becomes a seamless extension of the classroom. Students are introduced to reading and writing software that supports and customizes their learning experiences. Technology projects are thematically timed with the major units and areas of study such as math and social studies. For example, lessons on digital photography and graphic design conclude with student-produced travel postcards. The images and text are created on their field trip to Washington.

In second grade, students learn how to navigate The Potomac School network, and are able to create and manipulate multimedia files. During their colonial unit, students maintain "pilgrim journals," which they illustrate on the computer, complete with a voiceover narration. By third grade students are exposed to more sophisticated tools, practice their keyboarding skills, and research the Internet in a carefully conceived process.

"The beauty of technology lies in its mass appeal. I have yet to meet a student who is uninterested in computer class. Through the assistance of technology, students are able to discover and accomplish well beyond their imagination. Their experiences are individual; each child can go at his or her own level unhindered by what everyone else is doing."

Yasmin Eisenhauer, LS Academic Technology Coordinator



Working in pairs, students in AP History scripted and filmed presentations about the Civil War. The videos will be watched by seventh grade students when their history class studies the Civil War in the spring.

## INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING LEADS MEANING TO INFORMATION

The Upper School Library hosts an Ebrary of 35,000 titles. Not only do these digital books exponentially increase the quantity and range of sources, but they increase the potential for exploration. For example, students can search for a particular topic by highlighting a word in the text, providing a hyperlink to other sources. Students can cut and paste from a source into a document (with appropriate citations automatically provided). A university-level

database called JSTOR helps students become better readers and researchers.

"A good learner has questions," says Upper School librarian Thomas Washington. He thinks the challenge is to balance the efficiency of technology with nurturing curiosity. The research process becomes more exciting when access to information is enhanced. "But students still need to develop their own hypotheses, explore, test ideas, and often start over."

"Our goal is to promote in-depth reading as well as access to a large range of materials relevant to the research program. There is value in spending time concentrating on a large text. We want students to have that experience."

Thomas Washington, US Librarian

## CAMPUSNET

CampusNET, Potomac's secured Web site, is an integral part of student and faculty communication and learning. All teachers maintain class pages and, depending on the grade, use the various tools available. Besides basic news, homework, research links, and photos, there are discussion boards for collaborative work and journal features for students. CampusNET also serves as a means of sharing information with parents, from their children's classroom pages to important school documents and emergency information.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

At Potomac, teachers are finding that technology, fused with teaching strategies that actively engage students in intellectually complex work, can enhance learning and achievement. At the same time, faculty employ their own judgment as to how and where technology can amplify students' understanding. As teachers heighten their students' curiosity, technology can provide an avenue for increased individual exploration.

As a school, we continue to build and integrate our K-12 technology program. This integration, much like experiential learning, is a circular rather than a linear process. Training is a major focus, so that our teachers are confident of their ability to use technology in ways that improve learning. We work to instill that same sense of confidence in our students, so they remain flexible and open to the constant change which is the only certainty technology provides.

Finding meaningful ways to link students' life experiences with their education is vital. When we develop learning opportunities that simulate the activities that students already engage in—online, with a camera or using a computer—we greatly increase the value of these tools, and thus the impact on our students' learning. We deepen the impact of technology by never taking for granted ways that we can extend learning beyond our walls and into their lives.

Our goal is to provide a well functioning, sustainable, broad-spectrum program geared specifically to our teachers' and students' needs. Ultimately, we want our students to graduate from Potomac with the ability to embrace each new wave of technological innovation as they continue their education and begin their professional lives. We want our students looking forward, ready to discover and explore new frontiers of knowledge.



“Changes in technology are radically altering virtually every aspect of how we live our lives. Email, instant messaging, and digitally organized communities have the capacity to connect us in complex ways unheard of in any other generation. Moreover, technological innovations are making resources available to us in the workplace and in our homes at a breathtaking pace that is changing not only how we spend our time, but how our minds function. All of these changes present both opportunities and impediments to the mission of education.”

Bill Cook, US Dean of Studies







Potomac students equipped a new classroom at Red Rose School in Kibera, Kenya with computers and other technology.



# BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

## A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Since 2007, students at Potomac have sold lemonade and t-shirts, contributed their birthday money, and collected books for the children of the Red Rose School in Kibera, Kenya. History teacher Ken Okoth, a native of Kibera, introduced Potomac students to the school and took a group to Kenya last summer to meet the Red Rose children. Our students brought along gifts of technology to help the school make the leap into the digital age.

Many of the Red Rose students are orphans or vulnerable children who live in the slums of Kibera without running water or electricity. Yet now their teachers can bring them the world through the Internet.

"When we decided to make this trip, our group of students, teachers, and parents decided to go beyond the traditional book and clothing collection," Okoth said. "We thought about simple ways in which basic technology could enrich learning for all the children at the Red Rose School." The group collected

children's music CDs, age-appropriate education software such as KidPix, and popular educational and entertainment DVDs for children. They also refurbished a few used Apple iBook laptops from Potomac's Middle School computer lab that had been scheduled for recycling.

Potomac students inaugurated a newly constructed fourth grade "Potomac Classroom" at Red Rose, painted walls, installed bookshelves, and built a large computer table for their Learning Enrichment Resources Room. With some of the money raised during the school year by the Community Service Clubs in Potomac's Lower and Upper Schools, the group contributed a television set, DVD player, projector, and digital and video cameras.

During their visit, Potomac students started basic computer training for the teachers and the children, including creating different kinds of documents. "We hope to continue this training in the future and bring in more

tools to link teachers, students, and even classes between the two schools. Our success will bring mutual benefits to all involved—enriching the education of the Red Rose students and broadening the perspective of our Potomac students," said Okoth.

Okoth and all of the Potomac students and teachers who have become engaged with Red Rose are very concerned about the violence in Kenya and the well-being of the students and teachers at Red Rose. At the time of this writing in February, about half of the 90 students had returned to school; the rest remain in hiding or in refugee camps. Potomac students are developing some ideas to try to further help the Red Rose students through this time of crisis.

# MAKING MUSIC IN THE 21ST CENTURY

A POTOMAC ALUM EXCELS AS A MUSICIAN WHILE RIDING  
THE TECHNOLOGICAL WAVE

When Chris Ayer (Potomac class of 2000) graduated from Stanford with a double major, he wasn't sure which route to take—music or philosophy. Philosophy was intriguing, but music was in his blood. From Lower and Middle School assemblies to Potomac theater and musical productions, Chris had always loved music. In fact, for his senior project, Chris taught himself to play the guitar and began to write music. He continued to write and perform while in college. So, he decided to give music a try. It worked.

At the time Chris graduated, big recording companies were the gatekeepers to success in the music industry. The major labels controlled promotion, booking and tour schedules. Success meant being signed with a major label, which then dictated the artist's style, work, and image.

For the first few years of his career, Chris traveled around the country, playing in clubs and on street corners to get exposure. He met other young musicians at open mikes, and became part of an informal network of aspiring musicians who learned from one another, sharing information about venues and opportunities.

Meanwhile the Internet was evolving into an interactive media where anyone could place their recordings and find listeners. Chris was no longer limited to networking with people he had met on the road. Using Google or MySpace, he now has access to a much larger community. He can identify artists playing the same kind of music he does, go to their Web sites to find contacts, share information about schedules, and find venues that might be receptive to his style of music.

Another huge shift occurred when digital music files began to be shared and sold on the Internet. With the iPod and iTunes providing almost unlimited access to music of all kinds, the way people find and use music changed dramatically. About 2½ years ago, it became possible to submit songs to online music stores without a major label or contract. Chris began to sell his work through online stores, as well as through his own Web site and his MySpace page.

The impact on the music industry has been revolutionary. Music can develop from the grassroots. Now an artist can record his own music and put it up on the Web, with the potential for a much wider audience than any performance venue or radio station could hope

to reach. Chris feels that this is a more honest way to present his work, since his style remains his own, without pressure from a studio to conform to their expectations.

Chris returned to Potomac January 30 to perform for students young and old. He recalled his time as a monkey in the Kindergarten Circus, sang a few bars from a favorite Madrigals' song, and performed some of his original works.

Today Chris continues to write and play his music. His musical influences include Paul Simon, James Taylor, Counting Crows, and Ani DiFranco. Chris' first full-length album, *This is the Place*, was released in 2006. The prestigious John Lennon Songwriting Contest awarded Chris the Lennon Award in Folk last year. In February, he left for his second tour in the United Kingdom.

Go to [www.chrisayer.net](http://www.chrisayer.net) and hear for yourself.



Chris Ayer performed in the Langstaff Auditorium for Upper and Intermediate School students and faculty. The packed house gave him a rousing reception.



# THE WIRED GENERATION



Contrary to dire predictions of isolation by computer, the Internet may make the wired generation the most connected in history.

If you graduated in a past decade, chances are you lost touch with some of your classmates. Perhaps they went to a different college, moved to another city, or just dropped off the radar. Writing letters was time-consuming for students saddled with papers and reports, and long distance calls were expensive.

But recent graduates, members of the wired generation, have several powerful tools to keep in touch beyond high school. Text messaging, instant messaging, and online networks have revolutionized the way young people keep in touch. They have also added a list of new verbs and acronyms to the English language, and possibly affected spelling irrevocably. The following e-communications primer may be useful for the less than tech savvy among us who are wondering exactly what the current generation is up to.

## TEXTING: THE QUICK FIX

The text messaging feature on cell phones is almost as popular as the phone features. "Texting" sends a printed message to another telephone. Watching a teenager use tiny phone keys to type at high speed (often without looking!) can be awe-inspiring. Texting is the preferred way to send a short, pithy message. There is no telephone tag; text messages arrive immediately. Texting is perfect for sharing a joke, sending a news flash, arranging a meeting, or just telling the folks that you have arrived back at school. Parents of college students quickly learn that if they need a quick answer, texting is the best way to get it.

Since typing with the phone keys takes more pushes of the button, an entire glossary of standard abbreviations has developed. A funny comment gets a "lol" (laughing out loud) message in reply. IMHO replaces "in my humble opinion." (IMO, for the non-humble.) BTW for "by the way." "OK," once an abbreviation for "okay," has been further truncated to "K." Much



of the shorthand developed earlier with instant messaging and has spread to other forms of written communication.

### VOICE MAIL: DON'T BOTHER

Voice mail is completely passé. Parents of college students are admonished not to leave a voice message. "Don't leave me a message, it takes too long to retrieve. I check my missed calls all the time, and I'll call you back right away." And they often do!

### EMAIL: RARELY

Email, eagerly embraced by so many of us, is a dinosaur among the college crowd, and is used primarily for communication with professors and official announcements from the school. It's rarely used for personal communication.

### INSTANT MESSENGER: THE IMPORTANCE OF MULTITASKING

Instant Messaging is an exchange of written messages via the Internet allowing two or more people to carry on an instantaneous written conversation. Pressing "Enter" sends a typed message immediately to the computer on the other end. The receiving computer chimes to announce the receipt of a new message. A "Buddy List" window shows which friends are currently online. Multiple conversations can, and often do, take place simultaneously with Instant Messenger. For the wired generation, multitasking is the norm.

### FACEBOOK: THE EXTENDED COMMUNITY

The most complex and fascinating form of connectivity is the online community. By far the most popular site with both college

students and current Potomac students is Facebook. The other major site, MySpace, has fewer privacy safeguards, and has lost popularity with the high school, college, and young adult crowds.

Originally created as a network exclusively for college students, Facebook is now open to high school students and the general public. There is a Potomac School network on Facebook that includes current and former students, as well as huge general networks such as "Washington, DC."

Creating a profile is the first step. The profile page includes contact information, a profile picture, interests, favorite movies, relationship status, political views, even the member's current activity. While some entries are serious, many are humorous or tongue-in-cheek. The member may also upload photo galleries. Each page has a wall, where friends can "write" messages.

Once the page is complete, the member is ready to add friends. One person "friends" the other, asking to be listed as a friend. (Another noun that has become a verb, "friending" is a request to be given access to your page and then receive updates when your content changes.) The owner of the page must accept the friend, then information begins to flow both ways. Note to parents: Requests to friend your own child are invariably ignored.

What do people like about Facebook? The immediacy of information is seductive. The site is dynamic. Profiles are constantly changing and each change is immediately reported to all the owner's friends. People join and leave "groups," some of which are serious, like Potomac Basketball, others are utilitarian, "I lost my cell phone and need your number," some are humorous, "Who is the most effective leader: King Leonidas or Optimus Prime?" New features are regularly added, like the ability to send virtual gifts such as teddy bears or muffins.

### WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

Whenever the Internet is involved, security is always an issue. There are urban legends about the negative things that have happened to members of online communities, like the person who was denied a job because the potential employer checked out their Facebook page and was offended by something there. In reality, just seeing a profile page would be very difficult for an outsider. They would have to find someone who was a friend or in the same network.

The wired generation in general is very aware of the need to be discrete, though they don't always take the necessary precautions. Photo galleries are a big area of concern. There is, however, a safety feature that allows students to limit access to their photo galleries.

The dynamic interactivity of Facebook is characteristic of how the entire Web is developing. The challenge for young people will be to take advantage of these incredible tools while exercising good judgment about the information they make available. Contrary to many of the dire predictions of isolation by computer, the Internet may make the wired generation the most connected in history.

### SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR THE OVER 30 CROWD

When the 20s fade, people are not leaving social networking sites, just gravitating to sites with a different feel and purpose. Linked-In offers a place for the career-minded to make contacts, stay in touch with former colleagues and friends, and keep their contacts strong for the next career move. Ning, another popular site, allows groups to form around career, hobbies, or interests, catering to 20-60 year olds.

Kylie White and Grace Young  
get their robot, "Vexy Thing,"  
ready for the next contest.

# R2D2 TAKES OFF AT POTOMAC

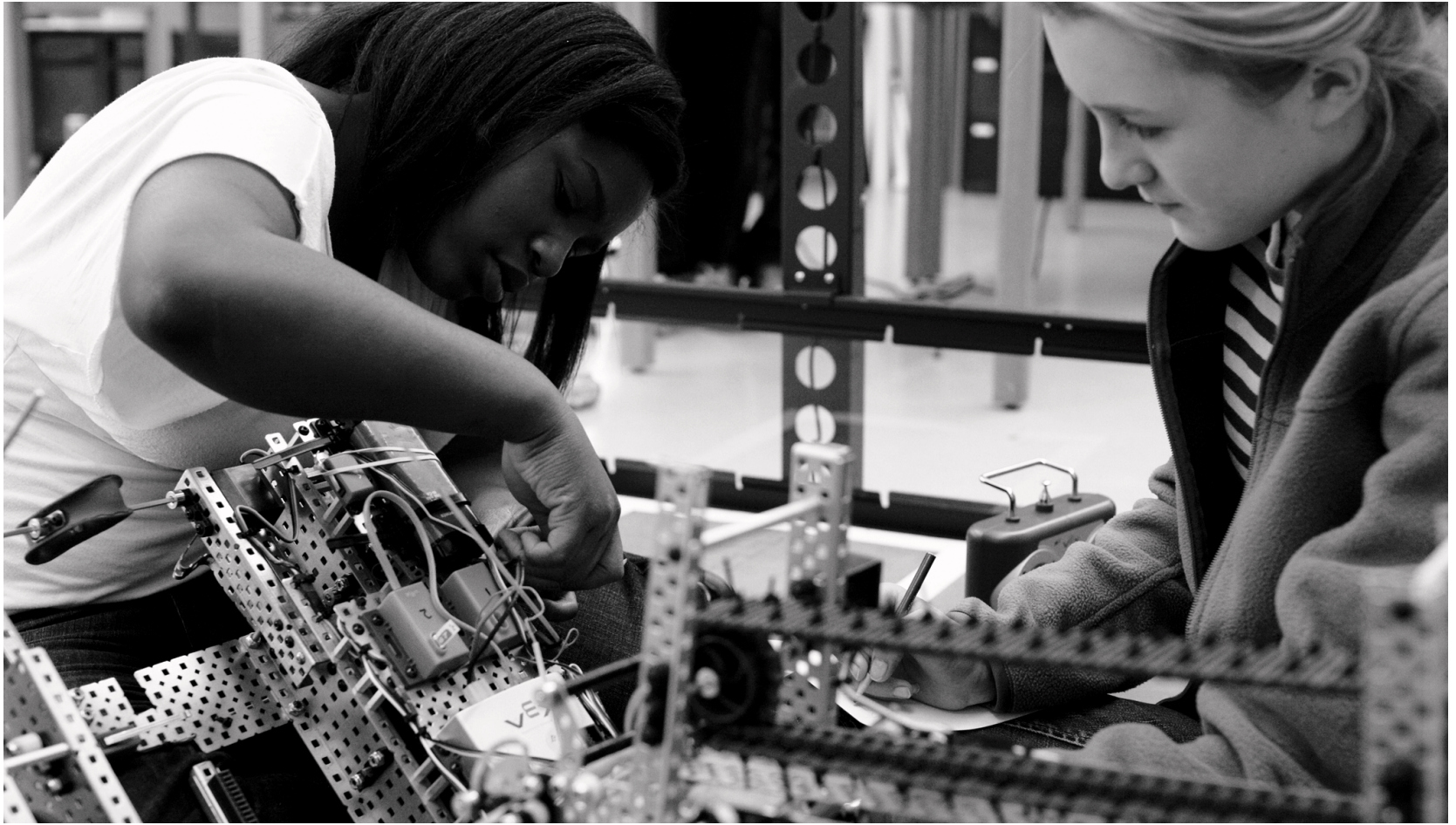
Erik Schluntz looks on as James Power makes adjustments to their robot.



A new kind of competition pits the creativity and engineering skills of Potomac students against their peers across the nation. First Technology Challenge (FTC), a nationwide robotics competition for grades 8–12, brings students together for a unique combination of contest and collaboration. FTC is a pilot program but already numbers 800 teams participating in 35 state and regional competitions.

Sunday afternoons find the nine members of Potomac's robotics team—all ninth graders—working in the physics lab. Divided into three squads, they will compete as separate teams in regional competitions. Using parts similar to an Erector set, each team has designed, built, and programmed a robot capable of responding to commands via a microcontroller. The team is coached by volunteer Bill Wiley, who has worked with Head of School Geoff Jones over the years on the International Children's Festival. Wiley taught at his daughters' school with the objective to maintain the interest and positive experience kids, especially





girls, have with science and technology after Lower School. Wiley owns an engineering company and his firm has contributed all of the hardware used by the Potomac team.

"This kind of problem-solving and learning the mechanics of how things work is just right for this age group," says Wiley. "The kids enjoy building something complex with their hands—a skill that is almost a lost art."

In order to compete, students must construct robots from prescribed parts that fit within an 18" x 18" cube and use no more than ten motors. Robots are carefully checked before competition to make sure they comply with the specifications.

Competition takes place in a 12' x 12' arena which has been outfitted with various tasks for the robots to complete. Activities in the first round are set up in a predetermined arrangement. Points are awarded for the robot's successful completion of a task, and vary depending upon degree of difficulty. For example, in one activity, the robot is required to pick up rings and hang them on posts. One post is the height of the robot, but another, worth

more points, is 24" high and requires the robot to be able to stretch as well as manipulate the rings.

A unique aspect of FTC is the way it tests not only engineering ability but also the students' ability to cooperate. Teams compete in pairs that are randomly assigned. In the first two matches, both teams' robots are on the field simultaneously. This format rewards those students who are able to communicate and collaborate successfully.

In national competition, a further level of collaboration is required. At the quarter final level, the top eight teams select two additional teams to partner with them in a three team "alliance." Since all three robots will have to be run at least once in the first two matches, students need to be able to find robots with complementary skills when forming their alliance.

The FTC program is competitive, but it also values "gracious professionalism." For example, robots break down frequently, and teams are allotted a certain amount of time to make repairs. If a team exhausts their repair

time before fixing the robot, the opposing team is expected to give up some of its own time to allow their competitors to continue. It has happened that the team that gave away its time then lost the match, but in this competition, good sportsmanship is considered just as important as winning.

One of Potomac's Robotics teams won the Tennessee Regional Tournament February 16-17, as part of the nation-wide competition First Technology Challenge. They will compete in the national tournament this April in Georgia. The other two teams received awards as well; the "Think" award for engineering process and the "Amaze" award for producing a great robot.



# PANTHERS ON ICE



Senior Kyle Massey moves the puck down the ice.

Potomac's first hockey team took to the ice this season. The new team is unique on campus. First, hockey is officially a club team, not a full varsity sport. Team members do not receive athletic credit, and all are simultaneously members of another hockey team or playing a Potomac varsity sport. Second, this is a joint team, made up of players from Potomac, Maret, and Sidwell.

A group of parents led by Victoria Knopes, Betsy Prezioso, and Robert Lee, was the catalyst for this new athletic offering. Realizing that there were few hockey players in the Upper School, the parents decided to poll students in the lower grades to see if there might be interest in playing for the school. They reasoned that since hockey is not a sport than can be easily picked up in ninth grade, a solid base of experienced players would be essential to eventually create a Potomac hockey team.

They found a very different situation in the lower divisions. Hockey is a growth sport in our area, and Potomac has quite a few enthusiastic players, both boys and girls. Based on current numbers, by the time this year's fifth grade class enters the Upper School, there will be enough players to field an entire team.

Last year, the parents organized a team for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. The turnout was excellent, and the students enjoyed





playing under the Panther name, even if the team was not sponsored by the school. The future looked good.

A Maret parent heard about the new team and approached the parents. He had half a dozen high school players looking for a team. To round out their numbers, this Potomac-Maret coalition held a skate night. Interested students from Sidwell, Flint Hill and GDS were invited with the understanding that the school with the largest number of players would be invited to join them. A handful of players from Sidwell were added and the “Independents” were born.

Lee, a certified coach and father of Potomac freshman skater Andrew Lee, became the Head Coach. He is assisted by Terry Cummings, Potomac’s athletic trainer and father of sophomore skater Colin Cummings. Other

team members from Potomac are senior Kyle Massey, junior Kaison Tanabe, freshman Elliott Knopes, and eighth grader Alex Prezioso.

The Independents’ home ice is the new Kettler Iceplex at Ballston, practice rink of the Washington Capitals. They compete in the Maryland Scholastic League. The league’s Capital Conference is made up of junior varsity teams from St. John’s, Good Counsel, Wilson High School, Mt. St. Joseph, Gonzaga, and DeMatha. The Independents are a provisional team, meaning the schools have a few years to acquire enough players to fully field individual school teams.

How are they doing? The Independents started out slowly, but by the end of January, they had improved their record to 4–5, with wins over DeMatha, Gonzaga, St. Albans, and Wilson High School.



Sophomore Colin Cummings eludes his opponent.



ATHLETICS UPDATE





# HOLDING COURT

The Potomac boys varsity tennis team captured yet another Mid-Atlantic Conference (MAC) championship. Excellence on the court is a tradition for the Panthers. In the last 13 years, Potomac has won the MAC 11 times, posting only one losing season.

Going on to compete in the state championship tournament, the team advanced to the finals, finishing second to conference rival Flint Hill by a score of 5–4. The outcome rested on what became a two-hour match between Potomac's Kareem Farah and his Flint Hill opponent. Spectators gathered from all over campus to watch Farah's well-fought battle. During the previous season, the first year that the Virginia Independent School Athletic Association hosted a state tennis tournament, the boys team made it to the semifinals.

The team's number one and number two players, junior Matt Feeley and sophomore Kareem Farah, were named to the MAC All-Conference Team. Feeley has been an all-conference selection for three years and selected to the all-state team twice. He has committed to play tennis for University of Richmond next year. Farah has been all-conference twice; this was his first all-state selection.

Athletic Director Rob Lee, who coaches the team, credits the team's success to "talent, talent, talent." The school has not recruited tennis players—in the Potomac tradition, the coaching staff have developed the natural talent of the students. Quite a few players also play for Potomac's other racket powerhouse: the varsity squash team. Is there a crossover benefit? "Squash definitely helps our tennis players with footwork and eye-hand coordination," says Coach Lee.

Add excellent coaching to talent for a winning combination. Lee and assistant coach Susan Lehmann took over coaching duties in 1993 and promptly won their first MAC championship.

The 2007 season was the first played on the school's new tennis courts. During the construction of the new Upper School, the old courts were razed to make room for the expanded building. A beautiful new set of six courts were built on the Lee fields. The additional courts have made it possible to expand the size of teams on both the Upper School and Intermediate School levels, as well as increase practice time.



Matt Feeley (top) and Kareem Farah led the Panthers to the finals of the state championship. Both were named to the All-State Team.





Campbell Ross, Johns Ross, and Stephen Serene led the Panthers to their second straight MAC championship. Johns Ross went on to capture the state title.



# RUN FOR THE HILLS

In an impressive showing of talent and depth, the boys cross country team won its second straight Mid-Atlantic Conference (MAC) title on October 27. After three straight days of rain, the championship meet at Episcopal High School in Alexandria was staged on an incredibly wet and muddy course. Several runners found themselves up to their chests in water in ponds that were not part of the landscaping. "This is what cross country is all about," commented several team members, apparently enjoying the soggy run.

The Panthers finished 1-2-3 in the field. Senior Johns Ross took first place, followed by senior Stephen Serene, and freshman Campbell Ross, Johns' brother.

The girls team, led by sophomore Anneka Wilson, took second place overall behind National Cathedral School. Running her first season of cross country, Wilson finished first in the ISL varsity race. Sophomore Shivani Kocchar took 8th place.

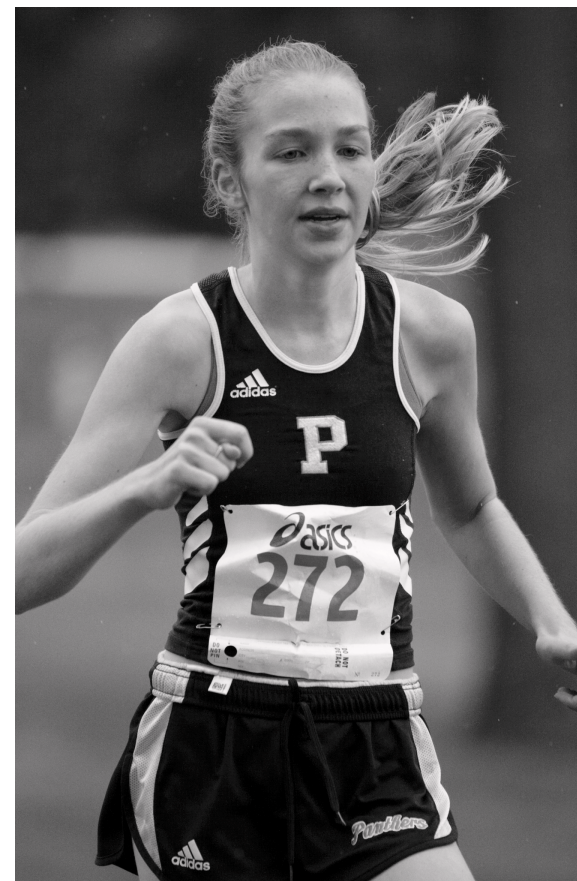
From the MAC contest, the Panthers moved on to the state championship at Woodberry Forest. The hilly Woodberry Forest course is universally-recognized as the most difficult in the state. Johns Ross captured the boys cross

country Division I Virginia Independent School state championship, setting a meet record of 15:57.77. Ross logged the third fastest time in history on the grueling course and became one of only four runners to finish the course in under 16 minutes.

In their first time running in the large school division, the Panther boys took third place in the state. In addition to Johns Ross' first place finish, Campbell Ross finished 5th, and Stephen Serene took 12th. Both Ross brothers and Serene were accorded all-state honors.

The girls team took fifth place at the state championship. Wilson finished in third place, finishing just .71 seconds behind the winning pace. Kochhar placed twelfth. Both Wilson and Kochhar also received all-state recognition.

This season marked the reopening of Potomac's cross country course, which had been closed for two years during construction of the new Upper School.



In her first season running cross country, sophomore Anneka Wilson finished first in the ISL and third in the state.







# REWRITING THE ENDING

For the last three years, the Potomac girls varsity soccer season ended exactly the same way—a loss to National Cathedral School in the Independent School League (ISL) tournament semifinals. This year's team rewrote that ending by defeating NCS in a dramatic overtime penalty kick shootout. Aggressive goaltending by sophomore Churchill O'Connell and on-target penalty kicks by seniors Natalie Heintz and Kerry Aldrich, sophomore Sarah Hunt, and junior Cassidy Banks resulted in a victory that propelled the Panthers into the finals.

The tournament final against Georgetown Visitation one week later was similarly dramatic. With just over two minutes remaining on the clock, the game was scoreless. A foul against Visitation provided junior Cassidy Banks a penalty kick which she converted to clinch the win. The Panthers ended the season with an 11-3-2 record, capturing their first ISL Tournament championship since 1999.

At the beginning of the season, the girls jumped off to a strong start, winning their first two games, including a victory over a very strong Georgetown Visitation team. They then lost two games and tied two. Coach Ross McEwen made a change of formation in the midfield, and his team went on to win eight of their next nine games, finishing the season with a seven game winning streak.

The Panther's 2007 roster was nearly identical to last year's; of 18 varsity players, all but one returned from the 2006 team. Coach

McEwen, named 2006 Fairfax Coach of the Year, says that given this team's talent and experience playing together, his role this year became more of manager than coach. One of his priorities was to assure that his players were having a good time, particularly since many of the girls also had extensive time commitments to elite teams.

Perhaps the team's only weakness was the absence of a back-up goalie. Coach McEwen says he tried not to think about it during the season. Lack of depth at the goalie position was not an issue until the finals when O'Connell was temporarily knocked out after a collision with a Visitation player. Luckily, the officials were understanding and allowed O'Connell time to recover. She got up and finished the game with a shutout.

McEwen faces a bigger coaching challenge next year. The team is losing seven seniors, including all four defensive backs. Among the graduating players is Natalie Heintz, the only ISL player selected to The Washington Post All-Met Team. Heintz contributed 20 goals this season and over 60 goals during her four years at Potomac.

But the future still looks promising. All four of this year's midfielders are returning. A very talented group of junior varsity players is coming up, as well as a strong IS team.



Top: Senior Natalie Heintz was the only ISL player selected to the Washington Post's All-Met Team.

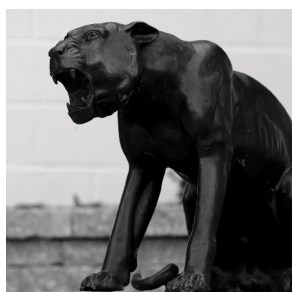
Bottom: Panthers defeated Georgetown Visitation 1-0 to clinch the ISL title.

# A SLICE OF LIFE

The Class of 2011 is the largest freshman class in Potomac's history.



Students discovered a new statue of their panther mascot installed during the summer outside the Chester Gym.



This year's senior class has 28 "Lifers."



Lifers escorted the new kindergartners into the Opening Assembly on the first day of school.



Fourth graders begin the school year with teambuilding exercises.



The senior girls manage to squeak by the junior girls in overtime during the traditional Homecoming Powder Puff Football rivalry.



An all-school pep rally kicks off Homecoming Weekend.



Middle School students cheer with their own creative signs.



Potomac's panther mascot puts on a boxing exhibition, defeating the Bishop Ireton Cardinal in a knockout.



Led by the Senior Athletic Committee, Upper School students decorate campus for Homecoming.



Shades of the 60s! Upper School students wear garb from earlier eras during Homecoming Spirit Week.



Students and parents crowd the Engelhard lobby to see Middle School science creations in this year's Invention Convention.



The Educational Theater Company helped Middle School students prepare for a production of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" by instructing them in the art of stage fencing.



Students in the upper and lower divisions enjoy opportunities to spend time together. Intermediate School art students show Lower School students the hand-made books they created as part of a multimedia project.



Fifth grade science classes build and test solar cars.



The IS Fall Musical "Music Man" combines wonderful voices with colorful costumes and sets.



The Upper School hosts a group of students from India for a day, taking the opportunity to compare the life of teenagers in both countries. Another visit is planned for the spring.



In only their second year of debating, the Potomac team has its first state champion. Esfandiyar "Yar" Batmanghelidj advanced seven rounds to win the Virginia National Forensic League's state championship. Along with teammate Adam Gerchik, he will compete in the National Championship in June in Las Vegas.



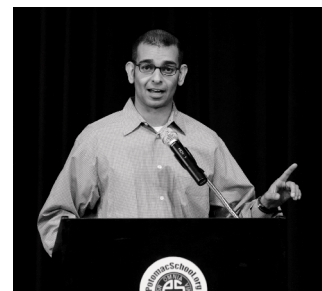
A huge National Geographic map of Europe and Asia helps MS students visualize the countries they have been studying.



A staff member from the Chinese Embassy demonstrates traditional Chinese paper cutting to Lower School students.



Dan Paradis, Head of Upper School, announced he will accept a Head of School position at the Park School in Baltimore, beginning in July.



On the eve of Ramadan, Director of College Counseling Ali Bhanji gives a moving talk about his personal experiences with Islam.



Middle School musicians shine in Winter Carols.



Lower Schoolers conclude their Winter Carols Assembly with a rendition of "How Shall I Send Thee?" led by Head of School Geoff Jones.



Middle School students present a humorous view of monsters in their Halloween Assembly.



Parents and students alike enjoy the traditions of the Winter Carols assembly.



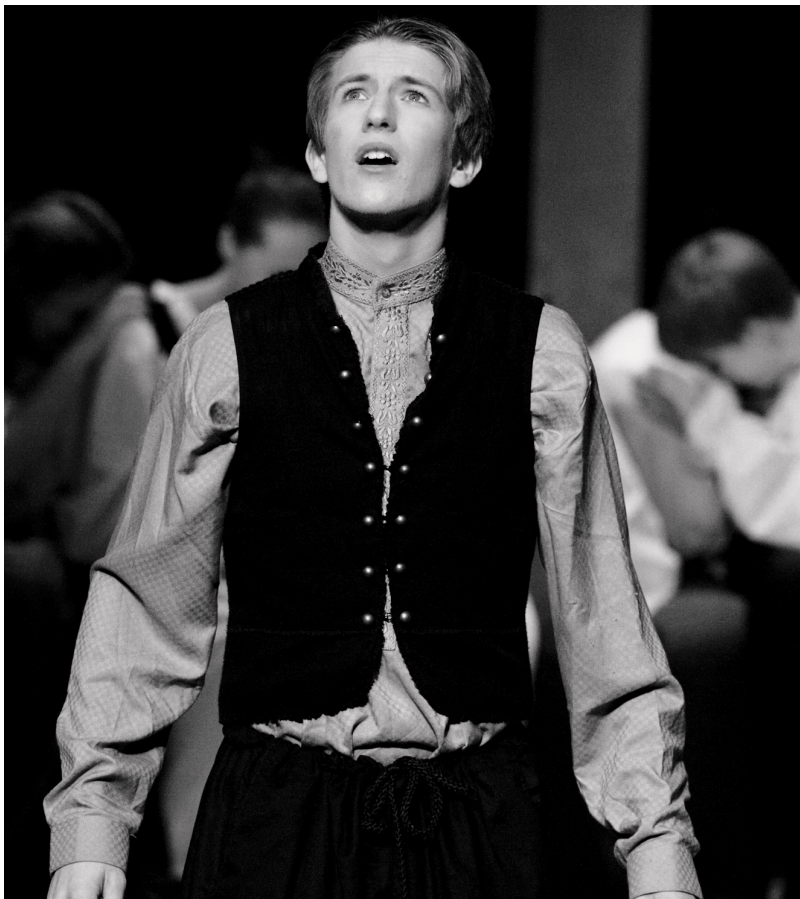
Kindergarten classes kick off Halloween with their annual parade around campus.



"Patty's Perfect Pies" is one of the most popular acts in the Middle School Halloween Assembly.



Mixed Company performs during the Upper School Winter Lights Assembly.



The Upper School stages Shakespeare's "Winter's Tale." The unusual work begins as a drama and ends up as a comedy, complete with lost and disguised family members.



Potomac's Perry Swope dons knee britches and helmet to play John Smith during the Thanksgiving Assembly. His monologue was part of an original play by retired Potomac teacher Gail Nields, who also attended the assembly.







# POTOMAC BIDS FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF 2007

Brilliant sun and an azure sky greeted the 76 members of the Class of 2007 as they arrived on campus for commencement. With the Swing Tree and new Upper School in the background, the Class of 2007 was treated to the traditional Potomac farewell—honor guard escort; formal entrance of the faculty and administration; commencement address by Zoe Williams, the student speaker selected by her class; receipt of diplomas; and a final rendition of the alma mater.

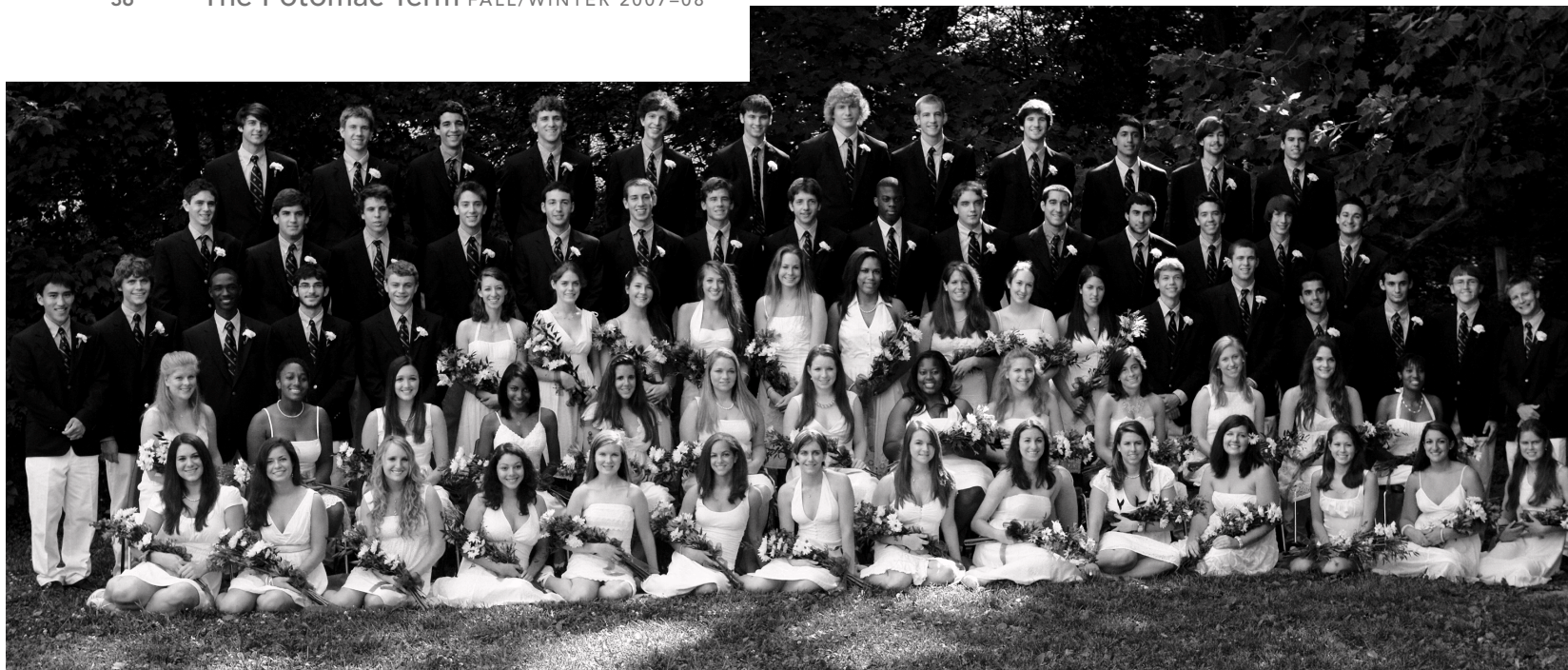
Long-time teachers Gail Niels and William (“Doc”) Brown provided students and audience alike with much to consider. These venerable faculty members were also departing Potomac after a combined 45 years of service to the School.

Niels, who began her association with Potomac as a parent, commented that she became a 31-year lifer at the School she loved so well. The theme of citizenship that was ever present in her teaching, was the core of her address, as was generosity of spirit, which all recognize as a hallmark of a Potomac education. She exhorted students to take those words with them. “I think you will discover myriad new ways of interpreting what it means to be kind, to be civil, and to embody generosity of spirit.”

Doc Brown urged seniors to ask for more in life—more insight from their professors, more fulfilling assignments, more respect from their employers, and to demand more from their own intellects. “How I have relished the moments when you have demanded more of me. When, by a question, you have asked me to look at something in a new way. When you have dangled a new piece of evidence in front of me, forcing me to reintegrate my understanding of the human experience. So ... ask for more.”







## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES CHOSEN BY THE CLASS OF 2007

University of Arizona	Dartmouth College	Princeton University
University of Arkansas	Davidson College	University of Richmond
Amherst College	Duke University	University of Rochester
Bates College	Elon University	Santa Clara University
Bennington College	Franklin and Marshall College	University of Southern California
Boston University	Georgetown University	Southern Methodist University
Bowdoin College	Gettysburg College	Spelman College
Brown University	Hampden-Sydney College	Syracuse University
University of California at Los Angeles	Harvard University	University of Texas, Austin
Carleton College	University of Mary Washington	Trinity College
Case Western Reserve University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Tufts University
Catholic University of America	University of Michigan	Tulane University
Colgate University	University of Montana, Missoula	Vanderbilt University
College of Charleston	Northwestern University	University of Virginia
College of Santa Fe	Occidental College	Wake Forest University
Colorado College	Ohio State University	Wellesley College
Connecticut College	University of Pennsylvania	Wesleyan University
Cornell University	Pennsylvania State University, University Park	University of Wisconsin, Madison



# SENIOR DINNER

Members of the Class of 2007 were welcomed by the Alumni Office and members of the Alumni Governing Council at the annual Senior Dinner.



Jamie Nemeroff '05, David Brady '04  
and Axel Cooper '05.



Kate Crowder '05, Kris Subhash '05  
and Nick Flanagan '05.

# UVA ALUMNI DINNER





Front Row: Brendan O'Connell, Michael Fischer, George Barsness, Brandon Gopaul, Kit Neuman.

Back Row: Matt Carlin, Robert O'Connell, Matt Linden, Mac Reed, Chris McNerney, Robbie DePicciotto, Dan Drenfeld.



## POTOMAC ALUMNI SHAKE OFF THE RUST

The Friday after Thanksgiving each year is not just about storming the stores for big deals or eating leftover turkey. It is also for alumni from the boys basketball team to band together and take on the current boys varsity basketball team. This year's event was even more exciting than usual. The alumni fell behind early, by as many as 17 points, but scratched their way back in the second half to make a game of it. Michael Fischer '04 hit a long three-pointer to give the alumni a chance late in the game and Brendan O'Connell '02 followed it up

with another three-pointer to tie the game as time was running out to send the contest into overtime. In the extra period, the alumni pulled away to win the game.

To make the game more interesting, there were two pairs of siblings participating on opposite ends of the court in this year's game. Brendan (B.G.) Gopaul '05 played on the alumni team against his brother, senior Spencer Gopaul. Chris McNearney '04 played opposite freshman Connor McNearney.





Front row: Alex Gross, Jake Gross, Jamie Beddow, Aaron Kur, Nick Echeverria, Justin Stillwell, Matt Nims, Anthony Kupersmith.

Back row: Charlie Drake, Brian Donovan, Tyler Stillwell, Nick Flanagan, Shane Donovan, Jake Levin, Edward Scott,

Phinney McIntire, Will McIntire, Nick Adams, Bradley Allen.

# FULL PRIDE GATHERS FOR POST-THANKSGIVING ALUMNI SQUASH GAME

Twenty former members of the Potomac boys squash team competed against eight current Panthers at this year's alumni game, held on Friday, November 23. Playing a round-robin format, with some matches handicapped to counter the effects of excess maturity and guile, the alumni still managed to squeak out a win, 17 matches to 11, over current boys varsity squash players Bryan Keating, Alex Kur, Hunter Matthews, Zander Nassikas, Luca Passamonti, David Scott, Robbie Thomas, and Chanaka Weerasinghe (ably supported by girls

varsity squash coach, Jonathan Lam). After the alumni finished "mentoring" the current varsity squad by running them mercilessly corner to corner, there were a number of heartstopping "siblings only" matches (Donovans, Grosses, Kurs, McIntires, Scotts, Stillwells), much enjoyed by all. The assembled Pride then enjoyed a great post-squash lunch, thanks to parents of current players, and began to anticipate next year's contest. It was a fine gathering of many in the Potomac School squash community.







Geoff Jones, Head of School, Art Santry, and Carol Jones.

# ALUMNI CHALLENGE KICKS OFF AT NEW YORK YATCH CLUB

Almost 100 alumni and guests gathered at the New York Yacht Club in October to launch "The Red/Blue Challenge." The kick-off was hosted by Arthur and Trina Santry and their children, Artie '12, Alexa '14, and Richie '17. Featured speakers included Geoffrey Jones, Head of School, Donna Lewis, Head of Lower School and Rob Lee, Boys Athletic Director.

In the Red/Blue Challenge, alumni are competing to see which team can reach the highest level of contributions to The Campaign for Potomac's Future. Kick-off events have also been held in San Francisco and Los Angeles.



Clare Fahnestock Moorhead '42, Donna Lewis, Head of Lower School, Art Santry, and Julia Santry.



Nish Heart '95, Jessica Wright Baldenhofer '95, and Dev Subhash '94.





Left to Right: Chris Ayer '00, Patrick Hewes '80, and Michael Coyne '00.



Juliana Bennison '01, Patrick Eakin '02, Patrick Malone '97, Jennifer Eakin '97, and Christina Bennison '96.



Cynthia Starr '03, Ashley Bender '03, Emily Morse '02, Pamela Barris '03, and Alison Ayer '03.



Jamie Sullivan '96, Cottie Maxwell, past parent, and Rob Lee '78, Director of Boys Athletics.









## MORE THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS

A Potomac School education is an advantage second to none. Intellectual development, personal integrity, creative expression, and a strong sense of community identity are the under-pinnings of a lifetime of individual achievement and civic conscience.

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Support The Potomac School Annual Fund with a generous contribution today. A tax-deductible gift of \$3,700 will cover the difference between tuition and the true cost of one student's educational year—a difference that defines the lifelong Potomac advantage.







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WE SEE A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR THE  
POTOMAC SCHOOL AND THE GENERATIONS  
OF STUDENTS TO COME.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we've raised \$42 million for The Campaign for Potomac's Future, 84% of our \$50 million goal. As a result, we built a state-of-the-art Upper School and will be breaking ground on an equally impressive Lower School on May 23. The Capital Campaign also helps us meet long-term priorities, including building professional development opportunities for faculty.

Make a gift or five-year pledge now and participate in this very meaningful effort. From contributions great to small, what matters is that each of us gives. Visit [www.potomacschool.org/campaign](http://www.potomacschool.org/campaign) for more information on giving.





Dear Friends,

Reunion season is upon us. I hope you are as excited as I am to reminisce and reconnect with Potomac friends and former teachers. We host Reunion Weekend every other year and we invite you to campus April 25–26 if your graduation year ends in a 2, 3, 7, or 8. Festivities begin Friday with our traditional May Day celebration. Geoff Jones,

Head of School, will host a special luncheon in his home for the classes of 1957 and 1958 honoring their 50th year reunions.

In addition to your more intimate class dinner Saturday evening, please plan to bring your family or a guest to the family-friendly barbecue on campus Friday night and to other exciting events Saturday, such as campus tours and classes with current and former teachers, and even a fellow alum. Please check Potomac's Web site for details.

We are also in a season of transformation. The core of a Potomac education still embodies everything we treasure—learning together, discovering and preserving our beautiful campus, and expressing ourselves artistically and athletically. To preserve these values we must attract and retain the best teachers as well as provide the best facilities for every student. That's what The Campaign for Potomac's Future is all about. It seeks to grow the endowment to support faculty professional development and provide student financial aid. In addition, we will build a new Lower School, as well as a welcoming, secure front entrance to the campus with needed offices. We've raised 84 percent of our 50 million dollar goal, a tremendous achievement, but this vision will only be realized through the generous support of the entire Potomac community.

That's why I'm asking you to join the Red/Blue Challenge and make a contribution or a pledge today so that we can reach our goal of 100% participation. All alumni who participate will be listed on the Alumni Red/Blue Challenge Wall, which will be dedicated at the end of the Campaign. At whatever level you give, I personally thank you for your generosity and for giving back to the institution that gave so much to each of us.

*Victoria Esposito*

Warm regards,  
Victoria '83



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## 1938

From John Dugger



John Dugger '38, parent of Julie '85 and Patsy '91 at Revels.

**Barbara Gableman Bell**, who has been my neighbor in Sumner Village, Bethesda, for a number of years, has decided to move to Arizona, to Tucson, where her daughter lives. I'm sorry to lose her from the Washington area; also, she is the only woman in the class who keeps in touch. **Ernie Graves**, as befitting a retired Army General, has been elected to head the Board at the Army Navy Country Club. He will be overseeing the planning and execution of a major overhaul, perhaps rebuilding, of the Club, a venerable Arlington institution. He continues to teach at the Oakridge Elementary School, in Arlington, where he is in his eighth year. **Worth Daniels** reports from Baltimore that he continues to flourish in the same Roland Park house, with daughters and granddaughters nearby. He admits to a few pains of advancing age and claims failing memory, of which there was no sign.

As for your scribe, Norma and I moved last year about four blocks from a substantial

house into a spacious condominium in Sumner Village. It has tennis courts and is very near the Capital Crescent Trail, a hiker-biker which I helped develop, and on which I bike a lot. Norma, while organizing as a travel agent for others, arranged for us this year trips to South Africa and Egypt, and a cruise visiting a number of Baltic ports. We've visited Potomac several times recently and are incredulous at the elegant new buildings surrounded by athletic fields with lots of action.

## 1942

From Katharine Stanley-Brown Abbott

**Clare Fahnestock Moorhead's** sister, **Mary Lee Fahnestock Leggett '43**, had a lovely luncheon this summer in Manchester and it was great to catch up with Clare. She is deeply involved in heritage preservation as the Chairman of the Small Museums Committee of the United States Federation of Friends of Museums. Her work has taken her to conferences in Singapore, Chicago and Maine. Clare regrets that she can't be at next spring's reunion, but what an exciting reason—she is a delegate to the World Federation of Friends of Museums in Paris for an entire week! **Helen Chapin Metz** writes that she doesn't see many classmates around Washington but takes **Edith Scott '40** to church every Sunday. **Geraldine Warburg Zetzel** is involved in a project that should be of interest to all of us. She writes: "I have been working with other Cambridge, Massachusetts seniors to create a membership organization called Cambridge@Home to provide support for those of us who want to stay put and not move into a retirement community. Ours is up and running, with a staff, an office, a long list of providers offering everything from dog-walking to home health aides, exercise classes to grocery shopping, as well as a number of social and cultural events." Geraldine says



there is one in the D.C. area. A wonderful solution for many of us.

Gordon and I are doing well. He had a knee replacement a year ago with a very successful outcome, and is busy writing a history of the Manchester Yacht Club, and chairing the Harbor Committee as well as enjoying his 29-foot powerboat. The *Colonial Dames Cookbook*, of which I am the editor, is finally at the printer, after two years of intensive collating, testing and editing. It is a lovely book with old and new recipes, information about Boston's past and delightful illustrations by one of our own Dames, a well-known Cape Cod artist. I've been slowed down a bit with wet macular degeneration in one eye, but not enough to keep me from playing tennis, doing needlepoint, reading, and driving. That's four out of seven of our remaining classmates heard from! Do keep in touch.

**Francis T. P. Plimpton** writes, "Grand-daughter Ashley Pottier is attending Bryant University."

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**Day Ely Ravenscroft** writes, "Remember April 2006 letter said surgery was over? Well August 2006 I had lumbar surgery. The 2004 hip was easy: two weeks of rehab and then fine. The 2005 neck surgery was fine in a day. The lumbar surgery took three weeks before I could take care of myself at all and three months before I felt well...but then, oh joy, I can cook again. I didn't realize that I'd been in pain...life was interesting so I enjoyed living while ignoring the twinges. Cooking was not just my profession but my hobby, my creative art, my job, especially making special dishes for special people. Our table seats six in our apartment. We had Thanksgiving with Jack carving for Herb and Jane's grandchildren, Christmas Eve for 40 lovers of Swedish Smorgasbord, a French meal for friends, a Japanese one for our church group, next was a West African meal. Jack hosts beautifully; his Alzheimer's has not changed this beloved Southern Gentleman much. This is a friendly place with thoughtful people to enjoy and pray for and care for when the "blips of age" strike any of them. And they

return the favor when anything blips us. I found a place to store the 500 remaining copies of *Matched Pair*—the biography of my parents and am happily continuing to give copies away. Please ask for as many as you want for your family and local library, etc. It seems to be interesting, even for people who never knew them. And remember, the reason you haven't had a hand-written note is that my right hand never recovered so email and mass mail are my only way to keep in touch."

1944

**Juliet Gill Davis** writes, "It was a lovely surprise to hear, after many years, from **Lily Cabot Minot** who wrote that she is now a great-grandmother! Two boys and two girls. She and her husband still live happily in Dover, Massachusetts. Both are well and active. **Gerry Wellborn Orem**, who's a faithful correspondent, wrote from Harpswell, Maine that she and her husband, Skip, have just returned from a great trip to Spain and Portugal. Also this year went on two sailing trips on "Windjammers" in the Caribbean and Penobscot Bay. They are both busy volunteers. Gerry teaches swimming twice a week to lobstermen's children, participates in Garden Club, Red Cross Board, and teaches at a Therapeutic Riding Center. She says, "Choir has always been a very important part of my week—good start at Potomac!"

1948

**Alison Norton Montgomery** writes, "Camden, Maine was the meeting place in July for **Peggy Wilson Morton, Betsy Boyd, Angie White Ewing '50, Alison Norton Montgomery**, and husbands Dur Morton, Ted Ewing, and Phil Montgomery. Lunch was at a restaurant on the harbor. All of us enjoyed being together and catching up. It was a perfect "Maine day" for a short ride on Penobscot Bay in the Montgomery's boat. **Pauline Smith Willis** and husband Bill were under the weather after a trip to Africa and couldn't make it down from Seal Harbor."



Alison Norton Montgomery, Angie White Ewing, Peggy Wilson Morton, and Betsy Boyd.

1951

**Cynthia Butterworth Burns** writes, "We are spending time in Phoenix with our daughter and granddaughters."

1952

From Louise Graham

**Betsy Blair Douglas** called late last winter with the sad news that her husband had died near Christmas time. Our sympathy is with you, Betsy, and hope that your family is comfort to you. **Ann Walker Gaffney** had dinner with **Ann Barringer Spaeth** and her husband Tony Spaeth last spring, no other classmate sightings. Ann is still doing photography and publishing her annual "Around Brooklyn Heights" calendar with black and white photos of the neighborhood. She and Bronson are off to Venice in October to begin a cruise to Croatia, Montenegro, Sicily, and Turkey, hoping that the Armenian genocide flap will not prevent the ship's stopping in Turkey. **Jane Casey Hughes** had a lovely visit with **Carol McCune Kirtz** and **Sue Hawes** on Nantucket in July. **Florry Hubbard Lloyd** still treasures the grades 3, 4, and 5 as a magic and special time. They are involved in the grandparent business with four children scattered over the globe: Jack in Boston, Molly in Beijing for two years, Becky in San Francisco, and Tom in New York City. All are married, eight grandchildren total. Florry's children's school, St. Peter's in Philadelphia, was headed by **Poesy Barlow** and Caroline Seamans with



their Potomac School connections. The school had Jack Langstaff for music and presented the Miss Preston Christmas plays, so the children experienced some of the wonders we did. Florry hopes to get to a reunion one of these days; meantime cheers to all. **Lynn Gerstenfeld Kapiloff** has a junk e-mail filter that defeated me; sorry Lynn. Next time I'll do better. It would be so nice to hear about your life. (Secretary's confession—the next two are from 2006 cards). **Sorrel Mackall McElroy** and family are great. They still live in the country near Richmond and the 13 grandchildren seem to enjoy visiting them, which is fun. They have three grandchildren attending Potomac! Last year they had a fascinating trip to China and one to London. **Liz Guest Stevens** and George are still living in Washington, their children scattered. David and two children live in Hanover, New Hampshire; Caroline and two sons in New York City; Michael with a son and a daughter in Los Angeles. Liz, should you get to Hanover, plan to come to Wolfeboro, about two hours away and a nice place to spend a vacation day. I live on the main street, would love to see you! **Jane Anderson Moon** and Marion live in Orange, California, where I visited them three years ago. She has recently retired from Raytheon, now finding time to reorganize house and garden and see more of old friends. It is great fun to be re-connected after so many years. **Belle Van Devanter Sawhill** is still at Brookings, a senior fellow there. She writes and speaks mainly about poverty and inequality and the fiscal challenge facing this country. Jamie Sawhill is at Berkeley in a PhD program, writing his dissertation and teaching undergraduates. Belle has a second home in Colorado, where she hikes and skis. She visited with Carol McCune Kirtz when she was last in Washington, and both enjoyed **Bettina Hartley Tierney's** birthday party.

**Debbie Owen Turner's** life continues to be overfull and good, not enough hours in a day. Your secretary had the great pleasure of being invited to breakfast to meet a good friend of friends. What a surprise—the friend was Debby's sister, **Gail Owen Troutman '55**. I'm afraid we may have bored our hosts with

"olden days" chatter—fine fun. Your secretary continues as usual in New Hampshire, mostly retired and quite busy. The mostly part is because I have returned to the school at which I taught to fill in for a Biology teacher who left suddenly, not my field and a lot more work in preparation, but I still enjoyed it. My older daughter lives 40 miles away, so I see a lot of her family. The younger daughter in Brooklyn just had twins to go with the two year old, so I have spent five weeks this fall helping out. I did not get to see **Ann Walker Gaffney**, maybe next visit. I was just appointed to the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women, quite an honor and probably really interesting. Also, please send any thoughts, news, etc. by email at any time. For some reason this program doesn't print e-mail addresses, so I have written it in at the end. Best to all.

## 1954

From Elizabeth Knox Radigan

**Sandra McNeill Burditt** wanted to let all of her classmates who knew her mother know that she died in February at the age of 95. **Anne Livingston Emmet** said that she saw **Lalitte Carusi Smith** at the Foxcroft reunion in June. She was great and very happy in her new marriage and more beautiful than ever. Anne sees a lot of **Sandy Robinson Righter** as she almost always stays with her on her way through Boston to see her children. Her children are all well this week! Four of them married, one son still single. She is due to become a grandmother again this February, and that will make her a grandmother of six! She is thankfully very healthy and active and has signed up for a trip to hike Macchu Picchu in April, figuring she better do it while she can! She is still painting a lot and taking painting workshops all over. She also writes for the Georgetown Citizen's Association rag sheet once a month. Aside from that, she enjoys keeping up with her old friends.

**Edie Murphy Holbrook** said that she continues to work with the Russian National

Orchestra, notably in New York City, where it is in residence at the Lincoln Center every year; this year under the baton of Vladimir Jurowski, a brilliant young (34) conductor. They are launching a partnership with the Children's Hospital at Columbia Presbyterian, which is fielding a huge influx of Russian immigrant families and adopted children, so a new twist for her, but very rewarding. Her young Russian violinist, Mikhail Simonyan, now 21 and very much part of her family, has just been picked up by IMG Artists, a bright new chapter in his career, with a recording of the Prokofiev Sonatas that will be released in September. This is a major award as Young Artist of the Year from the Classical Recording Foundation, and recitals and concerts stretching from New York, Vancouver to Tallinn, Vienna, London and Berlin. After five years of being in the hands of laid-back management, he is now with real pros, so they hope for the best. I don't think many realize how much it takes to launch a young soloist—from management to promotion, recordings and bookings, not to mention patrons. It certainly has been a major learning curve for Edie. Both of her daughters, Anna and Sara, are still on the West Coast working hard and raising little ones, two each, and it is wonderful watching them grow. She has less travel to Russia, now that Misha is living in the U.S. and a little more time to spend at their house upstate, which she loves, especially when the grandchildren are there. Edie went to Teddy Hardin's funeral last winter in New York. She ran into several of our old gang from D.C.: Price Jessup, Guy Dove and Sammy Beach. Sammy told her that Sharon Farr had died the night before which was devastating.

**Andrew Johnston** wrote me that his sister, **Nancy Johnson McNear '51**, died on January 11, 2007. She had cancer and had gone through all the types of chemo before she was convinced to do an alternative form of treatment by Andy and his wife, Pamela. They felt that it might have worked if she had started earlier. She always thought she was going to get better right up until the end. Nancy, Andy and Sharon Farr were all first



cousins. Sharon died ten days after Nancy. Andy said that Nancy and Sharon were very karmically connected and Sharon might have left to go play with her in the hereafter. **Emily Mclean** had a fabulous trip to Ireland this summer. Father Joe, her parish priest, had arranged the trip and about 30 people from the parish went. He is from Derry and took them to so many wonderful places: up one coast and down the other and it was the prettiest place she had ever seen. Emily is so involved in Florida with the Lee County Women's Tennis League that she can barely catch her breath.

**Sally Hand Herren** wrote, "We've been enjoying our two granddaughters, three+ and almost one, even though they live a ways away in Mount Vernon, New York. John and I continue to love to travel when possible and to ski at least once a year, usually in Utah. With golf and tennis close to home, we keep our bodies moving! Got a chance to get caught up with **Roman Fullerton Hynson, Eda Darneille Doyle, Mary Coffman Luzzatto, Amy Ellis Tucker** and **Elaine Reeves Padovani** at our Madeira reunion, and happily see **Willia Fales Eckerberg** and **Polly Graham Coreth** a lot!"

**Tina Knox Radigan** writes, "We moved to the town of Lancaster, Virginia, on the Northern Neck of Virginia a year ago and we just love it here. Charlie does not miss working at all and we both play a lot of golf. Last winter we spent two months on the west coast of Florida in Ft. Myers and were lucky enough to bring our young golden retriever, Lilly. We got together with Emily and Joe several times, which was such fun. This winter we will spend three months down there and hope to see more of them. Our children and grandchildren are all doing well. Kate works for an attorney in Chicago and Laura is doing well in a great high school in Oak Park, where they live. She is in the Sea Scouts and does a lot of sailing and racing on the lake. I can't believe she's already a junior! Our son, Josh, has a great new job at Washington Golf and Country Club as Food and Beverage Manager and they are so happy with him, they are promoting him to be Club House Manager. This is a big opportunity for him. Our grandson, Knox, 1½, is running

around getting into all sorts of trouble! This has been a good year for us but saddened by the death of two of my best men friends from years ago in D.C., Sharon Farr and Teddy Hardin. They died within two days of each other; Sharon from a stroke and Teddy from cancer. Sharon's sister, **Janet**, was our classmate and Teddy's sister, **Diana Hardin Walker '56**, was a few years behind our class. We saw a lot of Sharon and kept in touch with Teddy by emails. At our age we are going to a lot of funerals. I am grateful for our good health and hope for the same with you all. Love to hear from you. Keep the news coming!"



Alison Norton Montgomery, Angie White Ewing, Peggy Wilson Morton, and Betsy Boyd.

## 1956

**Leith McLean Adams** writes, "Have finally decided to bite the bullet and leave the Big Apple after a glorious 35 years and move to enchanting Newport, Rhode Island. Am fortunate enough to have a lovely nest that overlooks the harbor which gives me great delight in watching the sleek yachts sail by with fabulously looking hunks at the helm! May you all be well." **Nerissa vom Baur Roehrs** writes, "Two concerts of my compositions are being held in the Mendels-Solen-Haus here in November, my seventh and eighth, respectively; one for Lieder, one for chamber pieces. Finally, reached Op. 50, my personal goal, and audiences are growing, but must quit soon, thanks to ravages of age, I fear, but it's been a wonderful ride." **Linda Merrill Ciccone** writes, "We are all very well in Famiglia, enjoying fine beautiful grandchildren who range in age from 14 to 9! We are also at our easels daily in our respective studies waiting on our various projects – me doing

pastel pencil portrait commissions mainly of children and Antonio involved completing drawings and studies for two frescoes for the Basilica of Assisi! Much love to all."

**Diana Hardin Walker** writes, "The Walkers are spending their time between Washington and Sun Valley, Idaho. Our sons' families are growing—at the moment we have four grandchildren, three boys and a girl. Wonderful. I have a new book out this November: *The Bigger Picture: 30 Years of Portraits*, National Geographic Books. I'm still shooting for "Time" out on the campaign trail now and then. But playing with our grandchildren is a very seductive pastime!"

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1958

**Bettina Brown Irvine** writes, “Life has been great since my double lung transplant two and half years ago. I continue advocating for my genetic lung disease. I am playing a lot of golf as well as long walks at Greenwich Point on Long Island Sound.”

1960

**Eve Auchincloss Lilley** writes, “All is well here in D.C. I am still working in the field of learning disabilities and am primarily doing diagnostic testing, which I love. Still taking several ballet classes a week—until the body screams ‘no!’ I am involved on several boards, three of which are related to dance and dancers. Come see the Washington Ballet if in town! Now have ten grandchildren—two twin boys born in July. Very exciting. My husband is well and still active in his business. And last, but certainly not least, our four dogs are well and such a delight. So all is well here.”

**Constance Casey** writes, “Son Jacob Varmus, composer and trumpet player, lives in Astoria, Queens. Son Christopher Varmus lives in Brooklyn and writes for the Brooklyn paper. Husband Harold Varmus is head of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and founder of the Public Library of Science (PLOS.com)—open access science on the internet. I had interesting travel this past spring—a month in Iran—written up (“Persian Spring”) for slate.com. I write regularly for Slate about gardening. Am doing most of my garden work now in Old Chatham, New York around a farmhouse built by a Quaker family, who lived in it for nearly 200 years.” **Jamie Herter Cherington** writes, “Have not returned to Potomac in a long time. I have been in Washington, however, fairly frequently over the past year, spending time with my father who has now blessedly died at almost 89. I continue to consult to The John Merch Fund out of Boston on all things agricultural in the state of Vermont, where my husband, Davis

and I have lived for the last 11 years. We raise dairy heifers and lambs, devoting the summer to them, and do a lot of cross country skiing in the winter. Collectively, we have five grandchildren with one more on the way. I am looking forward to being less of a worker and more of a grammy. Within the next year, I hope to retire, but one never knows. Life has bumps in the road, but is good overall. Hugs to all.”

1962

From Deborah Johansen Harris

**Rachel Kitzinger** reports: Besides turning 60 this year, I have just become the Dean of Planning and Academic Affairs at Vassar College, having agreed to leave the faculty for a while to do this job. My daughter will turn 21 and graduate from Swarthmore as a studio art major. My stepson will get married on March 1, and my stepdaughter will get married on April 5, so quite a year!

**Liz Murray Platts** writes, “Life is quieter since I retired from teaching in June 2006, although I enjoy subbing. The greater flexibility has allowed my husband Greg and me to travel more and see our sons, both in grad school. Greg is still at National Geographic, and we enjoy much that Washington, DC has to offer, especially the art museums. It has been great to have **Peak Mason Power** move back to D.C.!”

**Kate Douglas Torrey** writes, “For me, the year has included both alpha and omega: my mother died at age 85 in early January, which has left a big hole for the whole family and certainly got the year off to a very sad start. At 86, my father is living at Grand Oaks, near Sibley Hospital. Despite the overwhelming loneliness, he is doing a bit better than Peter and I would have expected. Then this summer our son got married to a fellow University of Chicago graduate student and a truly wonderful young woman. They’ve been together for five years, since Stanford days, so Allen and I have had the pleasure of watching their relationship (and the two of them) grow. It is truly a joy to be in their company.”

**Louise McVickar Marx** writes, “We now spend more time on the Vineyard. Our daughter and her family have moved to Amsterdam. They have two boys, ages one and three, so we plan to visit them occasionally. Our son and his wife have a little boy and live in Wellesley, Massachusetts. Hope to get back for our reunion.” **Deena Breed Larlee** says that business and life are good. She celebrated her 60th with husband Howard on a nine-day trip last June to Paris, seeing the sites and staying with friends in the city. Her first, and I’m sure not her last time there! The highlight was visiting Versailles, which was just opening the doors to the renovated Hall of Mirrors. “Of course, I attributed that to my birthday,” she said. Later in the summer, she attended the Newport Jazz Festival which she has done traditionally with her all-woman group. Lots of fun!

**Snowden Wainwright Kirby-Smith** reports that she was asked back to the Etruscan Museum of Art in Italy for a second stint of work following the fantastic assignment in Florence last year when she restored Etruscan pots (all in Italian, if you please). She later visited her daughter, Belle, in Singapore. This past summer Snowdie cared for her father in Wainscott on Long Island and “worked like crazy in my garden.” She enjoys her etching course at nearby Montgomery College. When asked what her plans were for her 60th birthday this December? “Not sure yet,” she said. “I’ll have to wait to see how I feel about that!”

Spirited greetings and hugs from friend and classmate **Rhea Topping**: Hi, all you old geezers! Some of us aren’t hitting 60 until 2008! Would love to get together after all these years, before it’s too late! Briefly, I am still single—took back my maiden name after my divorce many years ago—and love being “free.” I’ve been living with a spousal alternative for about six years, spend three to four months in Patagonia with him teaching fly fishing, with summers in Yellowstone Park doing the same (without him), and the rest of the year between California and Virginia



(where I teach school from April–June). I have no kids, no grandkids, no exciting news. I wonder if any of you even remember me since I left in fifth grade?! (Of course we do, Rhea! -Ed.) **Anne Darneille Snodgrass**, writes, “I am well and busy. Our big news of the year is that our oldest daughter, Virginia, got married this past summer at our summer home in Maine. She and her new husband are living in Austin, Texas. Our son, Frank, is still in residential real estate here in the D.C. area. Our third child, Annie, works for a consulting firm (Oliver Wyman) in Boston, and our youngest, Helen, is a senior at Stanford. We spent almost five months in Maine again this year, with lots of gardening and tennis. I am continuing to substitute teach here in D.C. which I enjoy. I went to the dedication of the new Upper School and was very impressed. Potomac certainly doesn’t look much like it did in our day. Other than an occasional glimpse of **Liz Murray Platts**, I sadly haven’t seen anyone else from the class. I hope you are well.”

**Carol Mattusch** was guest curator of the exhibition, “Pompeii and the Roman Villa Art and Culture around the Bay of Naples” and principal author of the catalog. The exhibition focused on the magnificent contents of the sumptuously-appointed villas and townhouses, which set high standards in the region of Pompeii and Herculaneum from the second century BC onward. Throughout this exquisite corpus of ancient Roman sculpture, paintings, mosaics, and luxury arts, two related themes were interwoven through the essays: the influence of classical Greece upon Roman art and culture, and the much later resurgence of the taste for the antique in the modern world. Carol is a Professor of Art History at George Mason University.

Lastly, my news: Despite hip replacement surgery last summer, life is good. (Is that what being 60 is all about? Joy despite a physical downside?) My husband Ted and I enjoy our vintage 1950’s modernist house, poking around the garden, and spoiling our two, two-year-old springer spaniels. No big trips this past year since I was recuperating most of the summer,

but can’t complain about basking in the sun on the terrace chaise and finally getting to all the books I’ve put off reading all year. I still love my job in communications at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, which offers a wealth of activities, lectures, etc. Looking forward to our reunion next spring! Thanks to all who responded with news this time around, and hope to see you at Reunion.

### 1966

**Natalie Shiras** writes “I’m enjoying life in the Berkshires of western Massachusetts. Pastor of the oldest church in Lenox. Hiking in the softness of the local mountains, listening to great music through the year in this cultural mecca, and hosting many friends who come through.” **Cricket Beaugard Lewis** writes, “We held our ‘mini’ Potomac alumnae reunion this summer in Woodstock, Vermont, home of **Lisette Littlehales Roberts ‘41**. We had a fun get-together with sightseeing, my mother’s delicious cooking, and the telling of lots of adventures and mishaps...mostly true...of the adventures of the class of 1941. I don’t think my mother, **Lisette Littlehales Roberts** and my aunt **Joan Beaugard Williams ‘41** had seen each other in 35 years, probably not since my mother had been married to Joan’s brother, Pierre Beaugard.”



Joan Beaugard Williams ‘41, Cricket Beaugard Lewis ‘66, Lisette Littlehales Roberts ‘41

### 1968

**Edith Fryer Carboneau** now lives in St. Petersburg, Florida. Her daughter will be starting college at the University of the South

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this year. Edie spends her time playing Scrabble and sewing. **Peggy Gill Schaake** writes, "Hello everyone! Life is very busy for David and me. We've also been doing a lot of traveling. We've just returned from the Peruvian side of the Amazon. We took a 600-mile cruise on a ship holding only 24 passengers. We fished for piranha, spotted hundreds of birds, pink dolphins, visited villages, and we made 22 new friends! Highly recommend it. Staff was tremendous—whole trip was a blast!" **Peter Lowenthal** and **Lucy Jewett Lowenthal** write, "We are looking forward to the reunion next spring. We are still here in Bethesda, Maryland. Rachel is a sophomore at Vassar College and Max is a senior here at Walter Johnson High School. Lucy switched jobs, and she is now doing fundraising at Second Genesis, a nonprofit dedicated to recovery from addiction to drugs and alcohol. The work is very challenging." **Renn Richman Campbell** writes, "I got married a year ago June to a wonderful man and am very happy. I have moved back to Myrtle Beach, SC. We have kept my home in Maine and go often to see my daughter and two grandchildren. I love being a grandmother. I miss my family being so far away."

## 1970

From Jane McAllister

**Katherine Wayne Gibson Bolland** is planning a move from Costa Rica to Panama, trying to get her medical house in order and, for fun, traveling to see family in Peru. **Sarah Meeker Jensen** has two daughters in college out East and an 8th grade son. Her hospital design and construction management firm has offices in Los Angeles and Atlanta. **Sarah Bucknell Treco** writes, "My husband, Jamie, and I are starting our twelfth year in London. Jamie is a Managing Director at Citigroup. For several years I ran an antique furniture business (Bucknell Antiques and Decorative Arts) here in London, but with the pound over two dollars, and the auction houses successfully

drawing end buyers into the auction rooms, it is an increasingly challenging place to be. I thoroughly enjoyed the antiques business, so never say 'never.'...I now chair a new UK charity, Friends of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, UK, an international affiliate of the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC. The NMWA brings recognition to the achievements of women artists of all periods and nationalities by exhibiting, preserving, acquiring, and researching art by women, and by educating the public about their accomplishments. Friends of the NMWA, UK is part of a growing international network of affiliates that seeks to promote women's contributions to the arts worldwide. The UK charity supports and advances women in the arts, past and present, with a connection to the United Kingdom. As a result of this new Chair position, I now find myself in Washington once or twice a year on International Committee's and NMWA business. Despite spending most of their grade school years in the UK school system, our eldest children, son John, 22, and daughter Carlin, 20, chose U.S. colleges, Harvard and St. Joseph's respectively. Youngest son Alex, 17, is in B Block (senior year) at Eton, and has decided that he too will head to the U.S.A. for college. When he is not rowing in the Eton VIII he is writing applications! Needless to say, Jamie and I do a lot of traveling back and forth to keep up with our kids and our families. **Linn Cary Mehta** writes, "I don't usually write class notes, but Potomac has stayed with me so much that I have stayed in touch with **Ellen Schlefer**, **Sarah Meeker Jensen**, and **Pam Ridder** over the years, to the extent that we met for a weekend during our fiftieth birthday year and hope to do so again soon. This from someone who was only at Potomac for three years (ages 6-8)! So, a brief update: We have been living in New York with two daughters—Sage, now doing an MA in Art History at the Courtauld in London, after graduating last June from Princeton (which she loved); Natasha, a junior at Yale, more interested in science; Ved, my husband, still

writing books; Katrina, my sister, two years behind me at Potomac and also married to an Indian, Manu Bammi (they have a five-year-old son); myself, teaching at Barnard College, with a fellowship at Columbia's Humanities Center next term and almost finishing a book on early twentieth century poetry and decolonization, which has led me to translate Gabriela Mistral, among other Latin American authors, and to work with an experimental Hispanic theater group in New York City. Thank you, Jane (class correspondent for the Potomac Term) for being the catalyst that keeps us in touch with one another!"

**Maggie White Momber** writes, "Hi, Jane and other friends I have not seen in ages. We have moved again and now are in Chatham, New Jersey, near New York City. I am getting used to living in the U.S. after 15 years living in Europe. I would love to see old Potomac friends again. If any of you are in the area, it would be great to get together. Hope you are all doing well." **Lindsay Potts** writes, "New stage in life for us with both kids in college. Other than the occasional itinerant political operative, house is pretty empty. I'm retiring at the end of this year. I hope to make no plans for several months while I spend more time with my sister, who has moved to Toledo, and discover what, if anything, I miss most from my work life." **Bill McElwain** (Thanks to Bill's wife, Susie Crudginton, for sending in news of their children. -J.M.) Last year, our son, James, a junior at Potomac, joined Potomac's new debate team. It's run by Tom Rollins (a PS parent, champion debater in high school and college, and founder of The Teaching Company, which sells college courses on tape/CD/video). The team spent last year debating on the local level; three of the students, including James, went to debate institutes over the summer. They also attended a two-week class before school started—they read reams of philosophy and political science and hit the ground running this fall. They're debating on the national level now. They travel to tournaments, competing with schools that have long-standing programs and tons of debaters.



They've won speaker awards and done very well. They've traveled to Wake Forest and Yale and were at a tournament at Princeton in November. When they're not on the road, they compete locally. The varsity team consists of one sophomore, three juniors, and one senior. There is also one JV debater who is a ninth grader. The school has been terrifically supportive of this effort. The time commitment is enormous and the amount of work they do for each tournament is mind boggling. And they love it. And that's all we want—our children to find something that they love and that they are good at ... Our daughter, Maria, is a junior at University of Chicago, currently taking a semester in Milan. She's having the time of her life. We're going over in December to meet up with her, go skiing, and have Christmas all together far away from home.

**Peggy Moorhead Williams** writes, "Life marches on. We still are happily settled in the Portland, Maine, area. Ogden continues to teach at our local school and I am busy with our home-based bookselling business. We buy and sell used books largely specializing in collectible and antiquarian books. We handle estate sales for private family collections. We travel all over New England and sometimes to New York City. I seem to be doing this 24/7 now that the kids are in college and hardly ever home. In fact, the books have taken over our life, having seeped into every nook and cranny of our home! We can't imagine doing anything else—we just love it and all the profession entails. Ogden moonlights now, but once these college payments end, he'll move over to bookselling full time. Hayden is a senior at Vanderbilt and is headed towards an investment banking career in New York. Our daughter, Katherine, is a sophomore at William and Mary and hopes to spend next semester in Prague. One of these days I hope to get to a reunion at Potomac. Reunions seem to get better with time!" **Antonia Palfrey** writes, "Oh my glory but this takes me back! Would love to know where **Jeri Worthy** is, haven't heard from her in years. I'm not much different in that I still love horses and dogs, still draw, paint

and write poetry and stories...We have a small farm/homestead in Massachusetts. Just moved to downsize our land. Have to build our fifth barn...re-fence our pasture. I landscape, houseclean, and work with kids, animal care, teach riding, etc."

**Bobby Rock** writes, "I'm working on spec here at Zoetrope, hoping to get a few films off the ground next year. I'm hopeful that "On the Road" will finally shoot next year. The strikes (Writers Guild, and the upcoming Directors Guild, and Screen Actors Guild) are making me anxious. The WG strike won't have an impact immediately, as many scripts have been written or are being written to feed the Hollywood need for months to come. It's the DGA and SAG strikes in June 2008 that have everyone unnerved. All the companies out here are gearing up for a big slowdown if not a complete production halt next summer. My wife, Kerry Boyle, and I may be casting a film that our friend Caroline Thompson wrote. I've never been a casting director before, but both Kerry and I have wanted to try it. Our children, Charley and Georgia, are great. It's Charley's last year (eighth grade) at St. Brendan. He's a good student and currently the star quarterback of his team. Georgia is on a swim team and loves her kittens. They're both smart kids with lots of love showered upon them and emitting from them. Kerry's big 5-0 birthday is in a few weeks, which we'll celebrate in Palm Springs with 35 friends of hers—no kids! I miss all my Potomac friends and am sorry to have lost touch with most of them. It was great to see **Dana Strong van Loon** and her family when they were in Los Angeles. I keep up with **Bill McElwain** and saw **Garrett Jewett** about a year ago when he was out here. **Jane McAllister** is always in my life, thank God! I should add that **Jeremy Gordon '68** and I still see each other a few times a year. I see **Claudia Krieger-Myers '72** every year at the Potomac Alumni event at the Four Seasons Hotel. And I've seen **Sarah Meeker Jensen** a few times this past year as well. We all look forward to having more reunions of our own soon, family obligations permitting." **Dana Strong**

**van Loon** writes, "Still in Boulder ... my eldest daughter, Margot, now driving and busy with Model UN, and youngest, Nina, continuing in her fencing (épée) endeavors. I had a short but fun visit with **Bobby Rock** back in March. My nephews Kip and John Henry (Henry's sons) are still at Potomac, his daughter Allana is now in London! I amuse myself with tennis and even dance a bit still. Husband Mikael is importing fabulous wines from Italy, Spain, and Portugal and we are off to our Water Island home over Thanksgiving week. **Jane McAllister** writes, "I continue to do freelance editing from home. Max is in fifth grade at Potomac. My work flexibility allows me time for volunteering at school and doing Max-stuff, like Little League. I was taking piano lessons last spring and summer but quit in the fall; I still enjoying practicing, though."

## 1974

From Ann Brown

**Jennifer Moses** writes, "I wanted to let you all know that I have a new book out. It's called *Bagels and Grits: A Jew On The Bayou*, and it's about my struggles with faith as set against my background growing up in McLean as the daughter of an Orthodox Jewish father, as well as my work as a volunteer at an AIDS hospice in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. (My husband is a professor at LSU, and we have raised our three children here.) You can find it at all the usual places and also on my own personal website: [www.JenniferAnneMoses.com](http://www.JenniferAnneMoses.com)."

**Marty Rengers** wins the Fastest Responder Award this time around, replying in under five minutes to my garbled email. That boy is still speedy. Marty reports that he still lives in Richmond with his wife, Vickie, and their daughter, named Taylor, who's in fifth grade. Marty works as the Payroll Director at Virginia Commonwealth University. He has 568 days until he can take full retirement, and only has to work 242 of those. It sounds like Marty loves his job. **Jen Just** writes, "I am kept extremely busy being an only parent to two teenaged

boys, a stage I liken to raising toddlers—keeping them out of cabinets containing things they shouldn't drink, and keeping them from staggering into the road...only they can talk! When they choose to. Actually, it's not nearly that bad—I am loving this stage of development, watching new interests bloom, trying to guess which ones will take hold and be lifelong, which ones are a flash in the pan. I'm writing a bit, also working part time at Whitlock's Book Barn in Bethany, Connecticut, and doing volunteering. At the moment I am working on Barack Obama's grassroots campaign in Connecticut, which to me is as much about building community relationships as getting him elected. It's fun and interesting!" **Jane Day Rich** emailed, "Isabel started kindergarten this fall and realizes that she's in the big leagues now—no daytime napping, snack hours, etc. Kevin is still doing sales for Gartner, a research and tech firm. And I am still recruiting for Public Strategies out of my home office. We are about 20 miles north of Chicago in Highland Park. Would welcome any visits from Potomac'er's passing through!"

After badgering her for news, I was so happy to hear from **Jewel (Julia) Baldwin**, who confessed to feeling a tad out of the Potomac loop, but said she loves reading everybody's updates in *The Term*. Jewel says, "The Cliff Notes version of my life now includes living in Ashland, Oregon with my eleven-year-old daughter, Haley. She's loving her Waldorf education here, and is deeply into classical East Indian dance and mastering her violin. It's a delight to live in a place that regards art so highly. Miss contact with all of you and welcome anyone who might want to visit. We have a guest room!"

**John Nassikas** emailed, "Had a terrific visit with **Garrett Randolph** in mid-October. (The same weekend that **Georgia Chafee Nassikas** was one of 30 featured artists in a juried art show sponsored by McLean Project for the Arts, an event which was one of the most successful community gatherings in McLean history. Hope you all will come by her barn studio when you are next in town.) Garrett walked me around

his beautiful old Port Logan Farm in Morrill, Maine, where we watched the local farmers haying his back fields. He then accompanied me to Colby College to visit our son **Nicholas '05** during Parents' Weekend on a brilliant crisp colorful northern New England day. Nicholas, a junior majoring in biology, heads to Madagascar in January to study lemurs, rainforests, and French for his spring semester abroad. Our daughter, **Tribbie '07**, began her freshman year at Boston University just in time to hear the World Series celebrations behind her dorm room on Commonwealth Avenue. Hard to believe Georgia and I now have two in college. Our other two sons, Alexander and Cyrus, are in tenth and seventh grades, respectively, at Potomac, so our relationship with our collective alma mater remains strong 38 years since we arrived on the eve of another bright and music-filled fall for fifth grade.

**Alan Thomas** sent a great note from Chicago. Through his work at the University of Chicago Press, Allen's just published *Whiskey Tango Foxtrot: A Photographer's Chronicle of the Iraq War*, by Ashley Gilbertson. One may find a six-part video interview that Alan did with Gilbertson on [www.wtfiraq.org](http://www.wtfiraq.org), and on YouTube! Alan said that he and his wife, Julia, occasionally see Sally and **Tim Higginson**, who live just north of Chicago. Alan said that Tim seems happy to have left behind the life of an attorney and has a small technology business of his own. Alan told me definitely to ask Tim about his "cool invention!" (I tried, but my email bounced back. Tim, send us your new email!!!) Same for all of you who've changed them or addresses please. By the way, anybody have a new one for **Jamie Engert**?

In other creative milestones, **Grace Guggenheim** writes, "My news is that my family, in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Nine from Little Rock crisis, gave on permanent loan to the National Archives, located at 7th Street NW and Constitution Avenue, my father's first Oscar win for his documentary, "Nine From Little Rock," produced in 1964. It is now on display at the McGowan Theater, where they show films

from the National Archives depository. Makes me want to know what year Potomac was integrated." Grace said that she thought that **Stephen and Ben Warnke's** dad was involved in this process, and would like to know more.

Since apparently those aforementioned **Warnke** boys never learned to share news with their classmates, it's nice that their Brooklyn neighbor, **Jonathan Willens**, may some day be a positive role model. Jonathan reports that he and his wife, Julia, are both running small businesses with cool Web sites, see [briefworks.com](http://briefworks.com) and [beardwood.com](http://beardwood.com). Their sons, Joe and Oliver, are in the twelfth and eighth grades. "So we are busy with college and high school applications. We were lucky to get to Turkey and Croatia on vacations this year. Now the boys are insisting on something less exotic, so we are planning a Christmas trip to beautiful Orlando, Florida to sample the roller coasters and eat at Applebee's. Any Class of '74s who pass through New York should give me a call."

**Nina Chapin de Rochefort** emailed that she has been busy with work, and blissfully vacationing in Venice. "Even if it has been two years since the last edition, it is rather sad (or good?) at the moment that life just carries on without much news – but all goes well!" **Sarah Holmes** writes that she has "made a career change to enter the training and consulting world. I am happily teaching young professionals in national security, and walking some of my old hallways in the intelligence world."

The inscrutable **Andy Hyde**, (does anyone REALLY know what Andy does?), who I'm hoping will be played one day by George Clooney, writes, "I am enjoying my latest assignment on loan to the House Armed Services Committee. I am working on a number of issues at the nexus between diplomacy and national security. Possible Iraq assignments notwithstanding, I am also plotting my next overseas positioning slated for the summer. My wife Diana and I can hardly believe that our eighth grade twin boys are now teenagers and that certainly makes both of us feel old. I enjoy watching them discover every day the



richness that life has to offer. We were all sorry at my father's death last summer, but grateful to learn from so many what an inspiration he was." Very true.

I want to pass on all of our condolences as well to **Hilary Stewart** and **Kim Shorb '71** and **Chris Shorb**, whose mothers passed away this year. It was nice for me to have a long visit with **Wendy Israel** when she was in town for Mrs. Shorb's service. I think many of our generation felt like we lost one of our most beloved and fun "moms" with Mrs. Shorb's passing. **Lisa Shipp Logue** writes, "Bob, Caitlyn, and I are doing well. Caitlyn's in third grade, doing great in all her school work and her current passion is horseback riding. I'm keeping busy with teaching, being the school's PTA treasurer and publisher of the student directory, and Bob is still happy at USAA."

Finally, Anna, age 4, and I, your Class Secretary, have had a great six months. This period followed a rotten six months that commenced with Anna's being attacked by a dog when we were on a walk. She had 30 stitches in her face, and was pretty traumatized. But we are now back to full strength, and very grateful that she's healed so beautifully both inside and out. She's one courageous camper. We've just moved to a larger apartment upstairs, so Anna's moved out of my closet. I continue to enjoy substitute-teaching at Sidwell, Beauvoir, St. Pat's, and Potomac. Had the pleasure recently of teaching art to the verbal, yet charming children of **Gray Rosse**, **Henry Strong '72** and **Keith Ausbrook '73**, all together in one class. Have taught little **Bellingers**, **Danellos** and **Shorbs** elsewhere. **Barbara Parrot Katz**, **Sarah Holmes**, and I get together with some frequency. Both work very hard, but they are doing great. It was lovely to see **John and Georgia Nassikas** and **Mr. and Mrs. Bohlen** at an October Potomac alumni tour of the National Gallery of Art. Also had fun standing in a sidewalk line this summer for hours, by chance beside **Charlie Mathias**. We were each waiting for the Watergate Hotel demolition sale to begin. He looked great, but we were both fried by the time we got in to buy

our used dinner plates and towel racks. He is a lawyer, and lives in Georgetown. And finally, for the highlight of my fall, Anna and I were recently wined and dined by marvelous **Marla Freeman, M.D.** of State College, Pennsylvania, and Noelle, my fabulously athletic, pretty, sweet, smart, and fun goddaughter, age 10. Marla took me to a Redskins game the next day, where she always has season Club tickets. It was a blast, a beautiful day, and "we" won!

Blessings and love to you all. Hope to see you soon. Ann

### 1977

**Wendy Arundel** participated in the Marine Corps Marathon on October 28, 2007.

### 1979

**William Hoffmann** writes, "Still teaching physical science, now at American International School in Mumbai, India. Come visit!!!"

### 1980

**Michael Metcalf** writes, "I have spent the last two years designing and fabricating two thirty-foot tall sculptures, one for each side of I-40 on Louisiana Avenue, for the city of Albuquerque. I am still teaching sculpture at WNMU in Silver City."

### 1982

**David Tierney** writes, "My son was born on August 16, 2007. His name is Sabur Philip Tierney, and he is very cute. My wife, Sabura, and I live in Angwin, California. I recently left a job as Operations Manager at a spiritual retreat center in Pope Valley, California (a nearby town) to start a web design business, so I could generate more income to support the family, and because this type of work allows me to work from home—or anywhere."

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## 1984

From Emily Trotman

*From the D.C. area there is a lot of news to report:*

**James Quigley** and his wife Kristen welcomed with love baby boy Tanner Patrick Quigley on February 27, 2007. **Sarah Howard** is continuing her work in real estate with Long and Foster. She reports that **Elizabeth Lowe** has recently moved back to D.C.

**David Seltzer** writes, "Hi, everyone. I haven't traveled too far from Potomac, my family and I live in Vienna, Virginia. My wife and I have a seven-year-old boy, Jake, and a five-year-old girl, Rebecca. I work as a law partner in Washington, DC specializing in tax and executive compensation. I recently won a local tennis tournament. I keep in touch with **Chris Quinn**, who is living in St. Louis and just had a baby girl."

**Antonio Cecchi** writes, "We spent two and a half months in Vail, Colorado this summer. I drove out solo with my mountain bike and about a week later my wife and three kids flew out to join me (see photo). We picked porcini mushroom in the woods and hiked all the time. We ended up buying a new house that actually borders Potomac (our six-year-old Carla goes there). We are renovating it now and hope to move in this spring. It was 100% original 1971, even the appliances. Once we get this new house renovated, it would be great to host an alumni gathering that may incorporate the school as well."



Antonio Cecchi '84 with Bobbi Jo and their three daughters.

**Jenny Maddox Sergent** reports she and **Trevor Corson** hosted a mini-reunion in

March. **Cecily Corcoran**, **James McKean**, **James Quigley**, **Bussie Parker** and her family, **Antonio Cecchi** and his family, **Chris Floyd**, **Charlotte Greenewalt**, **Charlie Kehler** were in attendance. Chris is trying to organize another DC '84 outing for dim sum.

**Trevor Corson** writes, "In 2007, I followed up my first book *The Secret Life of Lobsters* with a second book, *The Zen of Fish: The Story of Sushi, from Samurai to Supermarket*. I had recently moved back to Washington DC, and **Jennifer Maddox Sergent** helped arrange a terrific book party for me at the National Press Club. Chef and restaurant expert Chris Floyd attended, and seemed to approve of the lobster-and-sushi multi-course menu. Later, on book tour in Los Angeles, I met up with **Garrett Donovan**, who gave me a tour of the set of the NBC sitcom "Scrubs," where he is a writer and executive producer. In December I moved to New York City. I hope to catch up with Potomac folks there, so drop me a line at [TrevorCorson.com](http://TrevorCorson.com)."

*From the Big Apple area:*

**Wendy Hoopes** currently has been splitting her time between Los Angeles and New York City. She spent the summer working on a few episodes of Showtime's "Brotherhood." She also got to see **Emily Eden Trotman**, **Mary Day Fitzgibbon**, **Rory Kennedy**, **James Quigley**, **Sarah Webber Bischoff**, **Dodi Wexler Sadrian**, and all their kids. She caught up with **Charlotte Greenewalt** and **Sarah Howard**, as well. **Rory Kennedy** has recently taken home an Emmy for her documentary "The Ghosts of Abu Ghraib." She gave birth to her third child, a baby boy. Congratulations on both events!

**Lisa**, Charles and Ellie Foster welcomed Catherine Corcoran Foster to the world on February 2, 2007. (See photo.) Charles continues with his toy making at [giantmicrobes.com](http://giantmicrobes.com) and Lisa is in her sixth year at Pfizer in their Worldwide Philanthropy Group. **Megan Bartsch Willems** just had baby boy #2, Jasper Truman Willems, in October 2007, joining brother Finn. She also just finished taking her Boards—after ten years she is getting ready to open her private practice



as a child psychiatrist. So for those of us who have already ruined our child's lives, send them to Megan! **Dodi Wexler Sadrian** has recently welcomed Noah Sadrian to the family; he joins big brother Arthur.



Lisa Herren Foster '84, with her husband Charles, daughter Ellie, and recent arrival Catherine, born February 2, 2007.

**Joan Wolfington Berkery** writes, "We are living in Bronxville, New York having left the city a year ago. My children are 7 (Allie), 5 (Andrew), and 2 (Catherine). They love living here and don't seem to miss the city at all, though I do! I ran into **Lisa Herren Foster** a few times at the local playground."

I, **Emily Eden Trotman**, am still living in Old Greenwich, Connecticut with husband Phil and daughter Allie, age 5. We are expecting our second child, who is now known only as Tiny Trotman, in January. I am continuing to work with early childhood programs in our area, and have recently joined an *capella* singing group which is a lot of fun. Definitely channeling some Potomac assemblies. Thanks to everyone who wrote in, and if anyone wants to help out with the Notes, let me know at eetrotman@yahoo.com. Life is going to get busier—anyone want to split the job with me?

*And news from the West:*

**Michael Danzansky** wrote to share that he was married last May to Cate. They had an amazing beach wedding in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. He is loving life living in San Francisco and finishing up a Masters Degree in Philosophy and Consciousness. He also just saw **Jamie McKean** at a St. Stephen's reunion. **Dominic Green** (whom we have not heard from in a while, welcome back!) writes, "I'm still in Portland, Oregon where I've been with my spouse, Jen, for fifteen years (married for

thirteen of them). We took 2½ years to do the Peace Corps in Belize. Things have settled down since then. I no longer play in the dirt doing archaeology and instead work for our local electric utility as a risk manager for power supply. Jen is an attorney specializing in immigration law. We are busy with two kids, Georgia (5) and Declan (2). If anyone has an operating manual for rambunctious boys, please send it! I'd love to hear from any and all of the old crew. I am at green.dominic@gmail.com. **Robert Coleman** writes, "I'm practicing as an attorney here in Portland. I'm married to Celena. We have one child, who is named Iris. Everyone says she looks just like me, which I take to mean that I look just like a 15-month-old girl, even though I'm 38."

*And on a musical note:*

**Katryna Niels** is raising a girl (6½) and boy William (3) with husband Dave Chalfant. She writes, "I am still making music. I had the pleasure of seeing **Trevor Corson** and **Sarah Howard** at our CD release show at the Barns of Wolf Trap. Our new record is called Sister Holler. It is kind of an ode to folk music. Nerissa even wrote a Sea Chantey for it—I am sure inspired by all those crazy bleak sea songs that were taught to us by Mrs. Bixler and Mrs. Taylor via Jack Langstaff. I have been thinking a lot about Potomac recently because I am trying to put together a May Day celebration at my daughter's school. I have such wonderful memories of those traditions. Halloween was this week and I kept hearing in my head 'From ghoulies and ghosties and long leggedy beasties and things that go BUMP in the night...Good Lord, deliver us.' And there was one about a ghost of John and not having any clothes on. I am still steeped in the music I learned at Potomac."

I personally remember Mr. Miles singing during the holidays: "And I will send thee two by two, 'cause two were Mary and Joseph, one was the little bitty baby, wrapped in swaddling clothing, born in a manger, born, born oh! Born in Bethlehem." Remember that? **Elizabeth Herren Foster** shares, "New baby girl born February 2, 2007 – Catherine Corcoran Foster. Joins big sister Ellie who is 2½."

## 1985

**Lizzie Peet** got married to Jon Mozenter on June 9, 2007 at the house of her sister **Vicki Peet '81**. Lizzie writes, "I just got back from my honeymoon in Puerta Vallarta!" **Andrew Hebel** and his wife had twins on April 25, 2007—Emilia and Tristan. They are living in Maputo, Mozambique.



Lizzie Peet and husband Jon Mozenter.

## 1986

From Holly Green Gordon and Kelly Hensley **Courtney Murray Coghlan** and her husband Jack proudly announce the birth of their son, Shane Andrew on April 15, 2007 in Laguna Hills, California. **Garth Wilkins** is living in Dallas, Texas and owns his own business, Meteor Couriers, which moves packages around the Dallas-Fort Worth area and beyond. He has been married to his wife, Tiffany, for seven years and two years ago they adopted a ten-year-old boy from St. Petersburg, Russia. Garth's twin brother, **Jason**, lives in Richmond, Virginia and also runs his own business. **Julie Fanburg-Hilzenrath** lives in Bethesda and has just celebrated her 8th year of marriage to David Hilzenrath, Washington Post reporter and author of the serialized novel, "Jezebel's Tomb" ([www.jezebelstomb.com](http://www.jezebelstomb.com)). Julie is founder, CEO and "chief bottle washer" of Nerd Up ([www.nerdup.com](http://www.nerdup.com)) a technology-focused staffing company and she and David have an eighteen-month-old daughter named Annabel Rose.

**Zania Pearson** is in the midst of college hunting, essay writing, and application filing for her daughter who is now in her senior year (!) in high school. Zania is also learning the ropes in a new position at the State Department, as a Web editor maintaining sections of their website—a far cry from the days of “BASIC” with Dr. Kressman! **Katie Bacon** still lives outside Boston in Brookline with her husband, Mark Pener, and two kids, Jamie, 3, and Elizabeth, 1. She continues to work as a freelance writer for the Atlantic Monthly. **Ted Shapiro’s** career continues to grow in Hollywood where he is working on several scores for major feature projects. Look out for his credit on the upcoming film, “The Mysteries of Pittsburgh,” starring Sienna Miller and Mena Suvari. **David Parsky** is also living in Los Angeles, with his wife Stephanie and two kids, daughter Annabelle, 3, and son Dizzy, 1. David covers the western U.S. for a real estate opportunity fund sponsored by CitiGroup. He lives about a mile from the beach and loves Los Angeles, so no plans to move back east! **Charlotte Gaither** is living in Georgetown and working in Development for the Smithsonian Institution. **Bern Hoffman** is also back in D.C. after spending some time in Los Angeles. He is substitute teaching at several local schools, including Potomac. He’s been enjoying catching up with everyone who is around and is trying to get folks together on a slightly regular basis. If you’re in the area, do drop him a line at [bern@visexp.com](mailto:bern@visexp.com).

**Cabell Maddux**, Founder and CEO of MadLax, the D.C. area, go-to spot for all things lacrosse, sent in this note: “All is great with my twin boys who are now just two! The most recent and relative news is that I was hired as the head varsity lacrosse coach for Potomac School in July. I am very excited to be back and to build a nationally-respected program, but need the support from alumni. I know you are out there. We are holding an alumni game on Saturday, May 31. Email me at [cab@madlax.com](mailto:cab@madlax.com) for details. We would love to get all the lacrosse alumni back that

day if at least for the BBQ that will follow the game if you can’t run like you used to. Besides that date we would really appreciate alums at as many home games as possible. We hope to see you at a game! Our schedule is on the Potomac School website.” **Caroline Sanderson Morris** has just celebrated her first anniversary with InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) as Product Marketing Manager for Group Reservations Products. She is responsible for the marketing of all reservations tools through the phone and Web aimed at meeting planners for all of the seven hotel brands. Caroline’s oldest daughter also just started kindergarten marking an exciting new phase of parenthood. **Nikie Gililand Micheli’s** family’s restaurant, “The Portofino,” in Crystal City, continues to keep her busy. They had their biggest weekend of the year serving all the runners for the Marine Corps Marathon! If you find yourself hungry in Crystal City, drop in for a bite! Their summer was great and included a week-long RV trip with her kids, Max, 8 and Gabriella, 5. In a small world connection, her kids are in school with Rachel Renzy’s kids. **Justin Cashman** writes, “Our family is great. We are loving Annapolis, Maryland and just finished enjoying a summer during which we tried to spend as much time as we could on the Chesapeake Bay. Our family is doing well. Kelly has a thriving plastic surgery practice. Kelsey, our daughter, has entered kindergarten. She loves swimming, singing, and even acted in a play. Our son Connor turned three in September and is constantly trying to keep up with his sister. While I haven’t seen any Potomac alumni in years, I’d love to get together and catch up if anyone comes through the Annapolis area.”

**Stasia MacLane Reisfield** writes that she is loving San Francisco where she lives with her husband, Derek, and her two cocker spaniels, Austen and Einstein. **Barclay Smith de Wet** announces the birth of Louis Nicholas de Wet, 10 lbs 9 oz, on April 2. In addition to being a mom to Louis and Lauren, Barclay writes that she has been busy doing the bookkeeping for her family’s breeding farm near Lexington,

Kentucky that breeds over 200 horses per year. She and her family plan to spend Christmas on her husband Nic’s wine farm in South Africa this year. Barclay was able to see her brother, **Laurence Smith ‘85**, and his family in August and they have a new baby boy named Charles Carter Smith; he was born three weeks after Louis. Laurence still lives in Nairobi, Kenya where he is employed by an independent contractor to the U.S. State Department setting up anti-terrorism surveillance systems on border crossings all over Africa. He is spending Christmas in the States this year and would love to hear from everybody.

**Kelly Hensley** writes, “I still live in New York City with my husband and two sons (James and Alexander). In addition to keeping up with my boys, I am involved in several volunteer activities.”

## 1991

**Jennie McClelland** and her husband Paul Dorn had a baby in early June. **Christine Holt Merrifield** writes, “Enjoying parenthood and all that comes with it in Rockville, Maryland. We have two great children, Alex, 5 and Katherine, 3.” **Ginger Martin Reece** writes, “My husband David and I are thrilled to announce the birth of our daughters, Scarlett and Lulu, on September 17, 2007.”

## 1992

From Ama Adams

**Ephraim Schum** writes, “Please sign the petition at [TysonsTunnel.org](http://TysonsTunnel.org). Been working on one of the most important campaigns for the Northern Virginia region – getting a tunnel for the Tysons Corner portion of Dulles Metrorail, instead of 3.5 mile elevated track running right through the heart of Tysons. My work has included the development of everything from a slogan, “It’s not Over til It’s Under” to the design of the Web site and development of local advertising and banners many of you have seen at the roadside throughout Tysons.



Feel free to email me at [eschum@schum.com](mailto:eschum@schum.com) for more info or just to say 'Hi.'" **Ally Bloom** and her husband welcomed a new addition to their family on October 12, 2007, Alden Caroline. Alden joins their other two children, Teddy and Benjamin. Ally and her family recently moved into a new home off of Kirby Road in McLean that they have been building over the last year. Ally continues to work as an emergency room physician at Virginia Hospital Center along with **Michael Semchyshyn '91**. Ally recently bumped into Mrs. Heidi Stewart, her former ninth grade biology teacher, who is doing well and has two grandchildren of her own. Ally is looking forward to seeing everyone at the 15-year reunion!

**Lisa Jankowsky Brawn** and her husband, **Darius Brawn '91** moved to Chicago last spring. Lisa and Darius have two children Julien and Belle, ages four and two respectively. Darius has taken on a new job at the Citadel Group. Lisa and her family love Chicago and have enjoyed visits from Potomac alums, such as **Josh Stinchcomb '91**, **Peter Heller '91** and **Antonia Stout**. Lisa is hoping to make it back to DC for the reunion in April. **Emily Brunk** and her husband, **Matt Jones '91** had their second child on July 28th, 2007. Their daughter Lucy joins her big brother Henry, who is now 3½ years old. Emily will be returning to teaching in early December. **Rachel Yudain Kuchinad** and her husband Amar recently moved back to New York City after living in London. Rachel is excited to be back in New York and recently ran into **Kathy Merrill** in the city. Rachel reports that Kathy looks well and is doing great. Rachel and her husband have two young boys, and Rachel is enjoying her time at home with them.

**Angela Miller** has returned to Washington, DC after ten years in Austin, Texas. She attends the George Washington University School of Law and lives in Columbia Heights. Angela would love to reconnect with old friends from Potomac. Her email is [angmill08@hotmail.com](mailto:angmill08@hotmail.com). **Katharine Maddox** writes, "I have been living in Rome, Italy since 2006 with my fiancé Eduardo Manus. We are returning to

Washington DC in early 2008. We are also getting married in early 2008 in an intimate ceremony with our immediate family and close friends. I will be joining Maddox Cole and Miller P.C. as a domestic relations attorney upon my return to the States.

**Jason Ryan** is a producer for ABC News and covers the Department of Homeland Security and the Justice Department.

As for me, I am now a senior associate at Baker Botts and have been spending the last year working on anti-corruption and anti-bribery investigations around the world, including China, Iraq, Nigeria, and Russia. My son Jonah is now two years old and has not stopped moving since he started walking last year! My husband and I still live in Alexandria, only a few miles from **Emily Brunk**. I hope I will see you all at the reunion next year. It is hard to believe that 15 years has gone by so fast! Take care.

## 1993

**Charlotte Martin Smith** writes, "I was married on June 23, 2007 to Mark Powers Smith. The wedding was at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Virginia and the reception was at Union Station in Washington, DC. A number of Potomac faces were in attendance: Cindy Cheadle, Meghan Alexander and Elizabeth Penniman Schmidt were bridesmaids and Nancy Powell, Kristen Neuman, Felicia and Bryton Fett '14 were guests. **Tom Martin** writes, "I married the former Erin Michener on September 29, 2007, outside Philadelphia. **John Cali**, also Potomac Class of 1993, was my best man." **Jonathan Brady** writes, "I am a freelance press photographer living in the UK. I haven't been back to D.C. for years but am trying to touch base with old classmates. If anyone's interested in my work please have a look at [www.jonathanbrady.net](http://www.jonathanbrady.net) especially if anyone happens to have become a powerful picture editor somewhere!!"

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**Christopher Winland** writes, "My wife Lori and I welcomed our first child, Henry William Fixley Winland, on August 22, 2007. We're living in Austin, Texas, where I am just starting a new job as the Legislative Director for Texas State Representative Mark Strama. (Good thing I got that MBA.) Feel free to give us a call if you're ever in the Great State of Texas."

1995

**Courtney Powell** writes, "I'm currently a stay at home mom in Williamsburg, Virginia. I have a three-month-old daughter Ellie and a 2½ year-old son CJ. I was and still plan to be an ESOL teacher for an elementary school in Newport News. It's been great getting back in touch with everybody!" **Reed Kuhn** writes, "I've returned to Arlington, Virginia after finishing my MBA at Duke, and like being back in the area and catching up with local classmates. Working as a strategy consultant has me traveling all over the place, but I'm still finding time to plan my wedding next June. I met my fiancée in grad school at Duke; she is a doctor of physical therapy working locally, slowly getting acclimated to Virginia after growing up in Arizona." **Chris DeMuth** writes, "My wife, Elizabeth, and I are eagerly awaiting our first baby. We plan to move before the baby arrives, but are going to stay in Manhattan, where we currently live and work. I work at a capital management partnership, Rangeley Capital, which focuses on event driven investment opportunities. A second fund is planned for early 2008. We are also working on Rangeley Capital Foundation, which is in the process of building up an endowment that will be used for the support of conservation and other philanthropic efforts."

1997

**Rebecca Weinberger Werber** writes, "My husband is a Lieutenant in the Navy and we are currently stationed in Newport, Rhode Island. I am a stay at home mom to Douglas Caspar, born September 21, 2005, and Charles Arthur, born October 3, 2007." **Kelly Greenwood** writes, "I graduated from the Kellogg School of Management with an MBA in June 2007, volunteered in Vietnam with a microfinance organization for the summer, and am now back in the Bay Area doing management consulting for A.T. Kearney. I also recently got engaged to Jules Maltz. Our wedding will be at a vineyard in Sonoma in July 2008."



At the wedding of Michael Kleeblatt to Katie Duffy: J. Michael Meenan '97, Richard H. Ellis '97, Ridgie Sower '97, Katie Duffy Kleeblatt, Michael S. Kleeblatt '97, Garrett S. Nelson '97, Brett C. Nelson '97, F. Chase Stock '97.



At Lane Jost's wedding in June 2007, S Quam Lake, NH: Joey Weiss '97, Kathleen Jost '93, Ali Jost '97, Lane Jost '97, Cora Olson '96, Matt Shuba '96, Nish Herat '97, Heather Wilson '96, Peter Kloman '96.

1998

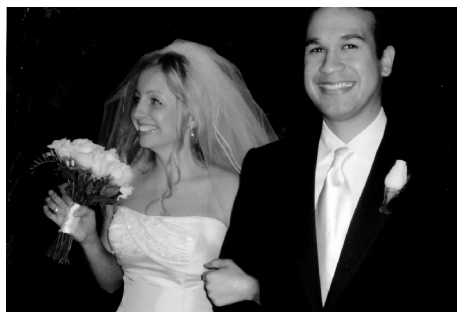
From Jessica Ohly

**Elizabeth Bradford** writes, "I am moving to Boston and starting graduate school in the fall at the Harvard School of Public Health." **Jessica Ohly** writes, "I am now living in



Boston and teaching fourth grade at the Broadmeadow School in Needham. I spent the summer in Cambodia doing a professional development workshop on literacy for Cambodian Educators." **Justis McEvelly** writes, "I picked up and moved to London in July. I am working in investment banking and loving the decision. Getting out and seeing the world and experiencing other cultures." **Liesl Bradford** writes, "I moved to Boston at the end of the summer and I am living with **Vail Breed**. I ran into **Melissa Deland** on my way home during my first week here and it turns out she lives on the same street as us! We see each other quite often in our neighborhood. I started a two-year Masters program at the Harvard School of Public Health, Vail is in her second year at Northeastern Law School and Melissa is teaching fourth grade in the Chelsea Public School system. Melissa ran into **Alexis Vanderhye '97** who also lives a few streets down from us. Vail has seen **Ridgie Sower '97**, who also lives near us, a number of times, and I recently caught up with **Emily Twiss '97**, who is also living in Boston." **Kristin Carlucci** writes, "This summer I started working at Booz Allen in Washington, DC, as a senior consultant, and on October 13, 2007, I got married to Joshua Weed, a Captain in the U.S. Air Force, whom I met while working at the RAND Corporation in Los Angeles. **Susan Reynolds** and **Joanna Steckler** were my co-maids of honor (and still closest friends!). We are happily living in Arlington." **Jonathan Wilson** writes, "Got married this January to Katy Johnson (we've been dating since we met freshman year in college at Middlebury). I am now entering my second year as an on-air reporter for KARK 4, an NBC affiliate in Little Rock, Arkansas. My wife just finished law school and passed the bar, and is now living with me here in Little Rock. Take care!" **Scott Holmer** writes, "I am in Theological College Seminary here in Washington, DC studying to become a Catholic priest for the Archdiocese of Washington. The whole process will take about six years. **Yeats Bello** got married to a girl named Justine. **Neil Taylor** is out in Colorado mending fences for

the Forest Service last I heard. **Sol** is in New York doing private equity law. **Cliff** is practicing law in New York as well. **Mike Pritchett** is in the McLean area, I know. **Patrick Norton** lives somewhere in D.C. and is working for a non-profit, I believe. **Stuart Bam** is in Los Angeles pursuing an acting career.



Katy Johnson and Jonathan Wilson '98 at their wedding January 2007 in Manchester, Vermont.

## 1999

**Pamela Kasenetz** writes, "I'm finishing my fourth year of medical school at George Washington University. I'm applying for a residency in internal medicine." **Jody Goehring** is a first year MBA student at University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. He is concentrating in finance and strategy. **Landon Schmitt** writes, "Recently promoted to Senior Associate, ID6 Ventures. Vietnam-based in Hanoi, Vietnam."

## 2000

From Jon Haworth

Hey everybody! I guess it's that time of year again. We're all a year older and a year wiser and a year removed from hearing everybody else's news. Well, good thing I'm here to fill you in. So, in absolutely no particular order, let me share with you all the information I have gathered!

**Milly Hejtmanek**, after living in D.C. and working in a law office in Maryland after college, has made the move to return to school. She moved down to Charlotte, North Carolina

this summer to start a Master's program in Industrial and Organizational Psychology and is very much loving Charlotte. She tries to make it to D.C. during school breaks, but more often than not she spends them traveling to visit her boyfriend in Texas or going abroad with him, as they both have the travel bug. She also recently got her Czech citizenship, which she is absolutely thrilled about.

**Kathleen Kiernan** is living in Los Angeles in the Hollywood Hills and is in her second year of medical school at USC. She's also working in research in cardiothoracic surgery in the Laboratory of Xenotransplantation at Saban Research Institute here in Hollywood (it's associated with Children's Hospital of Los Angeles). She'll take the Step 1 USMLE exam this spring (the "boards"—it's basically the number that determines the rest of your life). Life is busy but great, so she can't complain!

Recently, Kathleen also got to visit **Aly Sudow** in San Francisco. Aly is working at Google as an account manager at Google Checkout. Google is all everyone says it is—free food, college atmosphere, and she says good thing she practiced foosball in high school because there are two tables in her building! She gets to hang out with **Carolyn Weiss** (who lives literally around the corner from me) and **Lindsay Stowe** all the time. Carolyn is working at the Nature Conservancy. She collects funds from donors and then gets to take them hiking to show them the wilderness they've donated to! Lindsay is a nurse at UCSF in the Oncology wing.

In other news, **Courtney Fischer** is in D.C. heading up the Passback program at the U.S. Soccer Foundation and coaching a girls lacrosse team in the DC area. **Katherine Twomey** is in her third year of law school at UVA. **Louisa Thomas** married Justin Reynolds on Martha's Vineyard at the end of September. **Mary Thomas '03** was the maid of honor and **Jon Darman '99** was a groomsman. Also in attendance were **Alison Weisgall**, **Shaw Vanze**, **Maura Myers**, **Willy Darman '94**, **Lizzie Darman '94**, and **Emmet Darman '14**. Louisa and Justin moved to Berlin (the day

after the wedding!) where she is working on a historical novel and freelancing. **Maura Myers** is the Head Women's Squash coach at George Washington University and is finishing up graduate school (also at GWU). She is also coaching at Potomac and working in the Development Office. **Chris Ayer** performs in Los Angeles every now and then where **Grant Myers** and **Tyler Jensen** currently reside.

**Kelly McMahon** is living in Scotland with David Boardman. On September 7, they welcomed their first child Kenzie Grace Boardman. Congratulations, Kelly!

**Molly Gulland** is a second-year law student at Georgetown University and got married this October. She met her husband, Chris Gaston, when she was working on the Hill for U.S. Representative Henry Waxman and the Oversight Committee. **Jen Rainey** was a bridesmaid and **Shaw Vanze** attended. Shaw is just starting law school at the University of Pennsylvania and is also engaged. Molly also gets to see **Katherine Fennell** at Georgetown Law, where she's working on her joint degree (she is going to have a masters from SAIS and a law degree from Georgetown).

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**Emily Duncan** and **Matt Meenan** are FINALLY engaged. All related parties, excluding the newly engaged, thought it was about time!

**Kakki Rawson-Sibbald** got married on June 23 this year to Paul Sibbald, hence the new last name. She is living in Seattle doing IT work and there are literally three Starbucks in her building. Sadly, she still doesn't drink coffee.

Since graduating, **Jen Rainey** has been living in Washington, DC and working with the Institute of Medicine in Tanzania, working at a center for street children, and is now working for an outdoor outfitter called Calleva in Poolesville, Maryland as a rock climbing instructor. In January she is starting her Masters in Public Health at George Washington University.

**Alana Morrall** graduated a year and a half ago from American University with a Master's degree in Arts Management. She currently lives in Baltimore and works at the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. She was recently promoted to Director of Individual Giving, where the Development Office raises over \$16 million a year for the BSO. The Baltimore Symphony is one of fewer than twenty organizations in the U.S. that maintains the classification of a "first-tier" orchestra. Things have been quite busy with the Symphony; they have recently been featured on the front page of the New York Times and on a segment of the Today Show. She enjoys going back to D.C. on weekends when she doesn't have to work, and spending time with her parents and friends. She is engaged to a wonderful guy who she met at work. He has a Master's degree in cello performance.

**Billy Cook** is currently living in Columbia Heights and is doing his part to save the world one step at a time by working at the Ocean Conservancy in Eastern Market where he has been working for over a year now. **Nikki Fucigna**, after spending a long while in Telluride, Colorado, has moved up to Minneapolis to work at a publishing house called Graywolf Press. She loves the outdoors and the wilderness around there but is moving up to Port Townsend, Washington at the end of November to work for another publishing

company. She is most proud of a manuscript she wrote about Telluride's local history. It combines poetry, oral history, and written history. She has been working on it for over a year and is currently in the process of finding somebody who will eventually publish it for her. **Rufus Platt** writes, "I am the dockmaster at Harbor View Marina, a 300-slip facility on Baltimore's Inner Harbor." **Chris Ayer** writes, "I have been touring the past two years, playing my music around the country and in England. I am currently writing my second full length album." **Anne Laughlin** writes, "Finished my second marathon in Florence, Italy in November 2006."

Lastly, I (**Jonathan Haworth**) am still living in London and have had a really busy year. After I finished my MA in Cultural Studies in 2005, I attended acting school for a year and a half. I was lucky enough to get signed by an acting agency a little over a year ago and had my biggest success playing a mentally challenged fifteen-year-old boy in London's West End. I'm sure that's how most of you remember me anyway! This past year has been very hectic. I have been bartending all over London and auditioning for as many things as possible. I just recently started working at a marketing firm called Mulberry Marketing Communications in central London where I handle three large accounts. I still manage to see loads of Potomac people who either live here or pass through. I lived with my sister, **Susannah Haworth '02** for the past year. **Elizabeth Cook '03** was here for a long weekend not too long ago. **Keya Anjaria**, **Kate Jackson**, and **Nerisa Ahmed** also live in London and I see them every now and again. I'm currently planning on making a move back to the States early on next year and am looking forward to finally returning home!

That about wraps it up for my column this year. Thanks to all of you guys who got in touch, and for those who didn't, please make sure you do and I'll be sure to pass on all of your pictures and news to the alumni department.



## 2001

**Daphne Chester** shares, "A few members of the class of 2001 celebrated Easter together in Maputo, Mozambique. **Lina Gomez**, who has been working on an investment report in Johannesburg for the past six months, and **Tom Cannell**, who is doing graduate work at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa, met up with fellow Potomac classmate **Shannon Gopaul** in Maputo, Mozambique for Easter. Shannon has been working for the last year and a half as an advisor to an AIDS organization in Maputo. It was a great reunion!" **Stephen Gavula** writes, "I work as an analyst for BNP Paribas. I see **Skipper Calvert**, **Rory Byrnes**, **John Ohly**, **Daphne Chester**, and **Whitney Petersmeyer**. I work on the Henry Street Project, a local charity and in my spare time play soccer on a company team." **Lauren Willard** writes, "I am getting an MA at Johns Hopkins, SAIS, spending my first year in Bologna, Italy, and second year in D.C."



At the wedding of Jenny Brown '01 to Evan Bush in Snoqualme Falls, Washington June 23, 2007. Carolyn Brown, Nina Patterson, Stephanie Patterson '01, Callie Leigh '01, Carolyn (Carrie) Johnson '01, Jenalyn (Jenny) Brown Bush '01, Golnar Oveyssi '01, Whitney Petersmeyer '01, Lauren Grass '01, Elena Knappen '01, Susan Nelsen Johnson.

## 2002

**Meredith Murphy** writes, "I am working as a kindergarten assistant and coaching field hockey and lacrosse at Potomac." **Taylor Kelly** writes, "I finished the first year of Bank of America's Investment Banking Program." **Warner Lewis** writes, "I'm beginning my second year in awesome Buenos Aires. I am

now working for an angel investment fund, an advisory company for entrepreneurs, and on the business side of start up English newspaper in Buenos Aires."

## 2003

**Ian MacLeod** writes, "I graduated from Wesleyan in May, and I am currently working as a science teacher at Sea Camp in the Florida Keys." **Alison Ayer** writes, "After graduating from Stanford in June, and taking a trip around the world, I am working for Google in New York City." **Ricky Bates** is now living in Los Angeles, California. He has been hired by Jerry Bruckheimer Productions as a Production Assistant to Academy Award winner, Mark Goldblatt. **Andrew Duncan** writes, "Doing a year of grad work to earn an MA in English Lit at UVA with plans to go to law or business school in a couple of years." **Cara Kiernan** graduated from Yale in May, and she is staying in New Haven for an additional year to complete her combined BA/MPH (Master's in Public Health) program. **Peter Carrington** writes, "Working for City Year in New York City—starting up an after school program at an elementary school in Bedford-Stuyvesant." **Elizabeth Fabiani** writes, "Working and living in Ann Arbor, Michigan." **Scott Nelson** passed through Washington at the end of the summer. After graduating from Brown with a double major in Classics and Geology, Scott spent the summer in the Alaskan bush working as an exploration geologist looking for gold and keeping the grizzly bears at bay. Scott is headed to Cairo, Egypt where he will be working as a Presidential intern at the American University of Cairo in their Desert Development Center. If any classmates make their way to Cairo be sure to look him up. Scott saw **Harlan Work** who is getting work as an actor in New York and Florida.

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Jack Valenti

*Father of Alexandra Valenti '83*



**Bottom row from left to right:** Amelia Knight Kidd, True Patchell, and Erin Boyle Alvino.

**Top row from left to right:** Allison White, Whitney Kloman Leslie, Sarah Carver, Becky Kelsey Roby, and Annie Martin Simonds.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

Thank you to Annie Martin Simonds '90, Jessica Dawson '90, Charisse Mortenson McElroy '91, Erin Boyle Alvino '90 and Cora Olson '96 who helped us to identify the students in the photo. All are Class of 1990.





## Giving: A Family Affair

Almost 100 alumni and guests gathered in the New York Yacht Club in October to launch a special alumni initiative...the "Red/Blue Challenge." The kick-off event was hosted by Arthur and Trina Santry and their children, Artie '12, Alexa '14, and Richie '17. Arthur and Trina felt it essential that the family play a visible role because "we wanted to show our children how important Potomac is to both of us and how important it is to give back."

We invite you to join with the Santry family in giving back to Potomac. If you are interested, please call Christine Owens, Director of Development 703 749-6330 or email [cowens@potomacschool.org](mailto:cowens@potomacschool.org).



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